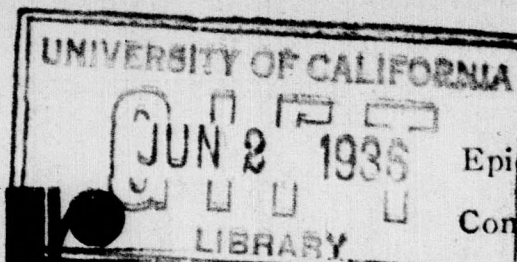


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WE ARE PROUD TO JOIN WITH SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS, SAYS EX-PREMIER OF FRANCE

DALADIER OUTLINES POLICIES OF PEOPLE'S UNITED FRONT

BY EDOUARD DALADIER
Former Premier of France

A message to the workers and middle class of America released exclusively through the Federated Press.

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PARIS, May 14.—The forces of the left are at last united in France. They are not merely standing together to bar the road to fascism, but they will presently form a government in order to carry out a positive program of reforms. We members of the Liberal Party are happy to be associated with our Socialist and Communist brethren in the task of fighting for freedom, peace and well-being for all.

We will, no more than our allies, shirk the responsibilities which our common victory gives us.

As to our own particular program we are determined to re-establish freedom in this country. We believe that the salvation of the country rests upon individual liberty and not in setting up a totalitarian regime. Individual freedom demands destruction of the privileges of a handful of feudal families who rule the destinies of the hands of the Democratic state. We intend to take them back and destroy them.

REFORMS CITED

To restore democratic freedom against Fascism and its allies, to dissolve the financial oligarchy which rules the roost at present, to nationalize the bank of France and make it the bank of the French people, to put an end to the private manufacture of arms by nationalizing the armament trusts and their auxiliaries which have exercised such a notorious influence on former governments and on the international situation. These are some of the most urgent reforms which must be tackled right away by the government of the People's Front. We liberals will not hesitate to carry these reforms through.

Thanks to enormous technical progress, our civilization stands as a token of super-abundance. There is enough and plenty for all. That is why we do not intend to permit this insanity of poverty in the midst of abundance to persist any longer. An elementary human dignity demands that our young people shall have work. We intend to create work for all. We intend to see that educational and cultural facilities are brought within reach of the masses. Art and the finer things in life have too long been the exclusive privilege of a leisure class. That situation must end, and it will end. We will also wipe out the shame and terrible anguish of the old who cannot work any more and whose evening of life is passed in physical insecurity and want. We intend to set up conditions which will make it possible for every citizen to have a decent and honorable old age.

FOREIGN POLICY

Problems of foreign policy will dominate all others. If peace is not solidly organized, how will it be possible to solve the essential problems of our national life? Our government's policy of zig-zagging has lost us much confidence. The new government intends to propose a reorganization of Europe and to call a conference where every nation will be invited to state its hopes and desires freely, including the Soviet Union of course. We will declare what we consider necessary guarantees for our security and the security of others.

We believe that once the principles of collective security is accepted by all, that a general and simultaneous disarmament program must be envisaged as the best security yet for the peoples of Europe.

If international collaboration is refused by some states we will at least know who are the peaceful nations and who the warmongers.
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LEADER OF BIG UNION FOR U. S. LABOR PARTY

Schlossberg Support To May 30 Meet In Chicago

NEW YORK CITY.—Enthusiastic support of the Chicago conference on May 30 to discuss the formation of a National Farmer-Labor Party has come from Joseph Schlossberg, general secretary-treasurer of the powerful Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America. Schlossberg characterized the call coming from the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party for the May 30 conference as "very hopeful." He said he had "always stood up for independent political action" on the part of organized labor.

TIME TO START

"I was anxious to see a Farmer-Labor presidential ticket in the field in November," said Schlossberg, in an interview. "But since we can't have that, we'll have to take what we can and work up from there."

Schlossberg felt that there would be no difficulty regarding a program for a national Farmer-Labor Party. "There are plenty of things for a Farmer-Labor Party to fight for," he stated, "I'm sure we'll be able to agree on a program. The main thing is to get the party going."

The attitude of Schlossberg, a powerful figure in the organized labor movement for decades, contrasts sharply with the attempt of Sidney Hillman, president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and David Dubinsky, head of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, to line up organized labor behind the Democratic Party, through the "Labor Non-Partisan League." Schlossberg, alone of the Amalgamated executive board members, voted a few weeks ago against endorsing Roosevelt.

CALL GOES TO 85 LEADERS

The call for the May 30 conference is being sent by the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Association and Gov. Floyd B. Olson to some 85 union, farm and progressive leaders. The Chicago conference call specifically excludes the question of a Farmer-Labor Party presidential ticket this year, leaving room, in starting a national party, for cooperation with those who back Roosevelt for re-election.

Advocates of the Farmer-Labor Party also point out that even those in the organized labor movement who favor Roosevelt for re-election can work for the election of Farmer-Labor Party officials, as well as Congressmen and Senators.

Social Service Group Communist to Bishop

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Reactionary Bishop Adna Wright Leonard of Pittsburgh has assailed the Methodist Federation for Social Service as promoters "of a planned economy that is alien and godless."

"I cannot see how the Christian man today can take the form of Russian Communism and give it any encouragement under the stars and stripes."

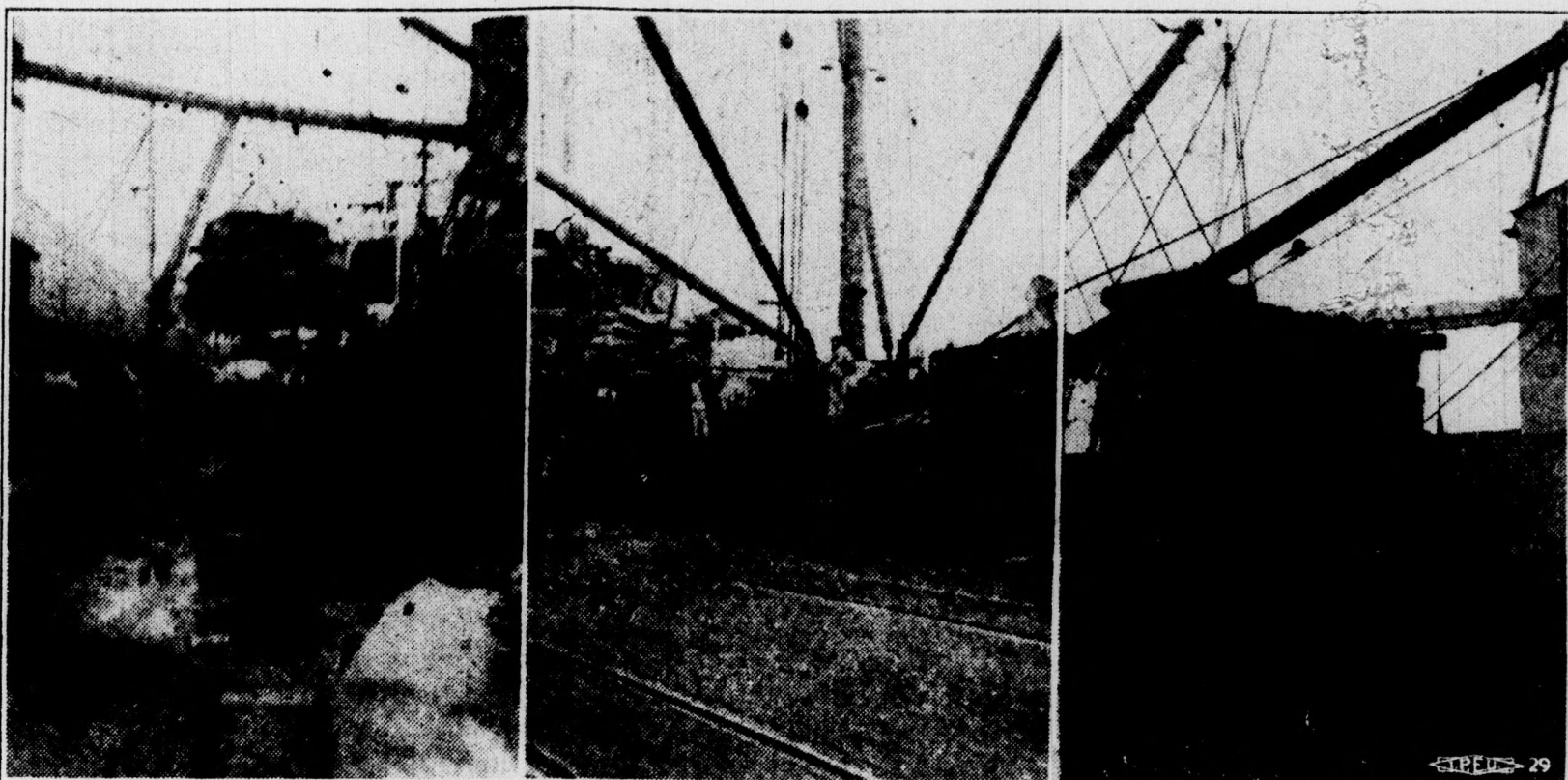
Militantly replied the federation: "The period of profit-seeking economy is on the decline and only the church can speak for the victims of economic disaster."

GALLAGHER CANDIDACY ENDORSED

SAN FRANCISCO, May 13.—Impetus to the candidacy of Leo Gallagher, famed labor attorney, against Superior Judge Arthur Crum, reactionary labor-hater of Los Angeles, was given here today in a letter from Anita Whitney, Communist Party leader.

The letter follows: "Dear Mr. Gallagher: 'It gives me great pleasure to

How About That Charter, Mr. Ryan?



ABOVE REPRESENTS a graphic picture of working conditions existing in the "Paradise Isles" of Hawaii. Double slings at double speed while Ryan continues to forestall the issuance of a charter to the

Hawaiian dockworkers. Note the worker "under the sling." The present I.L.A. convention finds rank-and-file longshoremen fighting to obtain a charter for their Island brother workers.

I. L. A. CONVENTION FOR INDUSTRIAL UNIONS, FOR SOLIDARITY OF NEGRO, WHITE WORKERS

SEE EXHAUSTION OF RELIEF FUND BY END OF WEEK

While jobless throughout the nation were marching against enforced starvation California's own relief situation became critical and Governor Frank P. Merriam declared "it does not look as if we can avoid a special session of the legislature to deal with the relief problem."

Funds for relief will be exhausted this week-end, State Comptroller Ray L. Riley announced yesterday. Approximately \$2,500,000 will be needed to feed unemployed in the state until June 1.

Previously the Governor had attempted to shift the burden of relief upon the counties and localities, but Los Angeles officials indicated the southern city would be unable to take care of its own jobless.

The federal government has refused to aid California, as it has other states.

MARCHING MEN

This refusal brought unemployed on the march to Harrisburg, Pa., where the state legislature was forced to hear spokesmen in a joint meeting for more than two hours Wednesday night. They demanded the state appropriate the \$120,000,000 necessary to keep them and their families from starving.

The jobless marched under the banner of the Workers' Alliance, nation-wide organization recently merged with other unemployed groups, including the Unemployment Councils and the California State Federation of Unemployed.

At St. Louis 100 singing men and women marched on the city hall to demand food and clothing for the 27,000 recently cut off relief in Missouri. "In an effort to keep out the unemployed all seats in the assembly hall had been filled by city hall workers who had been granted special permission to attend the session of the board of aldermen. (More jobless news on Page Six.)

DENVER—Members of the Building Trades Council unions struck and tied up all construction jobs in the city. Approximately 1600 are out.

RESTORATION OF S. U. P. CHARTER FAVORED

SAN PEDRO.—The convention of the Pacific Coast District, I. L. A., passed the important resolution, submitted by Delegate Heide of Local 38-44, endorsing and supporting the organization and activities of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

A resolution to support to the fullest extent the fight of King and Murphy of the Marine Firemen and Oilers, against frameup charges, was also voted.

Also passed were the following resolutions: A demand for the release of the eight maritime workers framed during the 1935 tanker strike, calling for the intensification of the boycott of Standard Oil products and charging that the special prosecutor in the case was on the Standard Oil payroll; full support for Mooney and Billings, urging that Labor Day this year be made a labor demonstration for the two famous working class prisoners; endorsement of the Benson bill, providing for vocational training and employment of youth, and full educational opportunities at reasonable rates.

AGAINST NEGRO DISCRIMINATION

The convention took a definite stand against discrimination in regard to Negro workers. Resolutions 28 and 32 were combined and passed with minor weakening. The former placed the convention as emphatically on record to reaffirm the preamble and policy of the I. L. A., that absolutely no discrimination be displayed against the Negro or any other colored workers eligible for membership.

The second resolution, combined with the first, went on record as recommending closer cooperation between Negro and white longshoremen.

Resolution 38, for endorsing the re-election of Roosevelt as president, was concurred in, but the action favoring an assessment of \$1 for each member toward the Roosevelt campaign fund was eliminated.

Endorsement of the entire administration, as originally mentioned, was changed to endorsement of Roosevelt.

A resolution to support the campaign against the Criminal Syndicalist Act was also adopted.

A resolution, submitted by delegates from Local 38-79, San Francisco, calling on the convention to take steps to bring the Sailors' Union of the Pacific back into the A. F. of L. and to formally request the I. S. U. to restore the charter of the S. U. P., was adopted with the specific provision that the Maritime Federation convention work out a correct policy on this question.

A resolution that the convention condemn any person or person (Continued on Page 2, Col. 8)

Shipowners Ranks Begin to Crack in Strike on E. Coast

NEW YORK — Release of 219 rank and file seamen who were arrested while picketing the Panama Pacific Steamship Co. docks came within a few hours after their arrest on Tuesday. The pickets were part of the more than 3000 East Coast seamen now on strike for overtime similar to that paid on West Coast ships, and for hiring sailors.

About 250 other strikers came to the aid of a dozen pickets who were first arrested. The police had to resort to tear gas bombs to make the arrests of the fighting seamen.

The strike, though outlawed by the reactionary international officials of the International Seamen's Union, is already having its effect on the shipowners, as was seen from the fact that the Black Diamond S. S. Co., one of the signers of the recent two-year agreement between I. S. U. officials and the shipowners, has now proposed to pay 60 cents an hour overtime for work in port.

The I. S. U. international officials have announced that not only Joseph Curran, rank and file strike leader, but 29 other sailors and 15 stewards have been expelled from the union because of strike activity.

Short Strikes Win In Cleaning Plants

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—Two short strikes yesterday by the Cleaners, Dyers and Pressers, Local Union No. 19989, won closed shop agreements with two cleaning plants here.

Besides closed shop agreements the union also won a 44-hour week, \$30 a week for skilled workers and a minimum of \$16 a week for unskilled workers.

Workers at the French Unique shop were out on strike for two hours, while the Bear shop workers were out for a day and a half. The union plans to have all cleaning firms in Los Angeles unionized by July 4th, according to Samuel Blumenberg, business agent of the union. Out of 40 local cleaning shops, 19 have signed closed shop agreements, Blumenberg stated.

Oregon Building Strike Won

OREGON CITY, Ore.—Strikers on the new \$200,000 county court house returned to work with a wage increase of from 50 to 75 cents an hour for all building trades common labor.

OFFICIALS CHARGED WITH AIDING BRAZIL FASCISTS' MURDER OF U. S. CITIZEN!

San Francisco and Alameda Postmasters Attempted to Pump Information From Victim's Mother

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Postmaster William H. McCarthy, of San Francisco, and Postmaster Ford Samuel, of Alameda, are charged with acting as stoolpigeons for the fascists of Brazil in the murder of Victor Barron in Rio de Janeiro!

Identification of these two government officials as participants in the far-flung conspiracy which claimed the life of this young American citizen last March 5th, was made by Mrs. Edna Hill, of Oakland, the mother of the boy, through her attorney, Leo Gallagher.

\$100,000 Libel Suit Brought by Sailors' Union

Libel suit for \$100,000 on behalf of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific, and for \$50,000 on behalf of Harry Lundeborg, its secretary-treasurer, has been brought against the Chronicle Publishing Co., publishers of the San Francisco Chronicle.

The suits are based upon a front page editorial in the Chronicle of April 13, in which, according to Lundeborg's complaint, the union was libelously charged with engaging in practices designed to destroy the U. S. Government and its institutions by force and violence, and "with inciting sailors to mutiny and thereby to a violation of the laws of the U. S."

Following the publication of the editorial, the union made a written demand that the Chronicle retract and withdraw its statements. The Chronicle failed to do so.

FOUR COPS UP FOR BURGLARY

Hoertkorn Fortune Is Set at \$70,000

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Conspiracy and burglary indictments were voted this morning against four local policemen by the County Grand Jury.

The four, who are accused of looting the Shumate drug store at Nineteenth ave. and Taraval street some time ago, are Sydney Hinson, John Farrell, Thomas Miller and John J. McKenna. The drug store is owned by Police Commissioner Shumate.

Meanwhile testimony of bank clerks yesterday revealed the fortune of Captain Thomas Hoertkorn amounts to approximately \$70,000—\$47,000 in cash and \$23,000 worth of property, real and personal.

Hoertkorn had refused to testify. The refusal of cops to testify before the grand jury meanwhile had so aroused public sentiment that the police commission yesterday was forced to serve notice that:

"ORDERS"

All officers of the department who refuse to testify regarding their bank accounts . . . will find themselves under immediate suspension and face swift trial before the commission for unofficerlike conduct.

Captain Hoertkorn, Captain Fred Lemon and Patrolman Joseph M. Brouders, facing the investigating body a second time, refused to talk.

Sergeant Patrick Shannon, owner of the \$25,000 woodpile, already has been suspended and is facing charges because he had admitted betting on the races at a time such action was distinctly illegal.

Subsequent to Barron's arrest in Rio de Janeiro on January 28th and before his murder by Brazilian police on March 5th, American authorities collected information which they turned over to the Brazilian police.

AIDED FASCIST

McCarthy and Samuel, both of whom are responsible to Postmaster General Jim Farley, aided in this stool pigeoning for the Brazilian fascists by trying to pump information from Barron's mother, Mrs. Hill, as to whether or not she knew he was a Communist, why he was in South America, whether or not she had sent him money from the sale of a farm, where his father, Harrison George, Communist Party member, could be found, etc.

Last Tuesday, Gallagher, as attorney for Mrs. Hill, sent a protest letter to McCarthy, asking who authorized him to collect information here concerning Barron. A part of Gallagher's letter follows:

"A large portion of the American public is greatly aroused over the fact that the American government has acted as stool pigeon for the Brazilian fascists. This incident has great historical significance and will not be soon forgotten. For that reason it is important that all the facts concerning the matter be carefully ascertained and that all public officials be given an opportunity to indicate just what part they played in the incident."

A protest from Gallagher to Secretary of State Cordell Hull, asking that Mrs. Hill be given permission to go through the State Department's file on the Barron murder, was given but brief answer saying that the matter would be "looked into."

RUN-AROUND

A protest to Farley received an answer from W. W. Howes, first assistant postmaster general, that Gallagher's letter would be given "prompt attention."

Abelardo B. Bueno do Prado, first secretary of the Brazilian Embassy in Washington, D. C., replied to a protest letter from Gallagher that the matter "should be referred to the U. S. State Department." (Continued on Page 2, Col. 7.)

Salinas Lettuce Strikers' Ranks Continue Firm

SALINAS.—Lettuce shed workers' picket lines continued solid on Friday at the Salinas and Watsonville plants of the Ice-Knit Corp. Job action strikers developed in the two plants Monday in protest against packing "hot" lettuce placed on the Ice-Knit platforms from the J. A. Simmons Co., then on strike.

C. B. Moore, secretary of the California Farmers' Protective Association is organizing terror against the strikers. It is being begun through a campaign of slander through ads in the press against the Fruit and Vegetable Workers' Union. Moore called a meeting of growers to plan terror.

The strikers refuse to return to work until 17 scabs employed since the beginning of the season are fired. The union has 1800 members.

State Conference Shows Trend to Farmer-Labor Party

EPICS VOTE 2 PROGRESSIVE RESOLUTIONS

Second State-Wide Conference To Be Called After August Primaries On United Front Basis

PEOPLE'S FRONT Urge Coalition Against Calif. Trend to Fascism; Labor Unions Are Needed

Of historic significance in the people's fight against reaction in California, was the State Political Conference called by the End Poverty League, which was held in Los Angeles on May 10th.

Showing the greatly increasing sentiment for united political action and a Farmer-Labor Party, the following two resolutions were overwhelmingly adopted by the convention:

WHEREAS: The results of the May 5th primary elections was mainly a vote against the reactionary forces as represented by the American Liberty League, Hearst, and Merriam, and

WHEREAS: The victory of the McDougal slate does not truly reflect the progressive anti-reactionary sentiment of the Democratic voters in California, to whom the issues were not made sufficiently clear as to choose between three Roosevelt slates; and,

WHEREAS: The sentiment for the united, independent political action is growing throughout the country as witnessed by the call of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party for a National Conference on May 30th to support the election of Farmer-Labor or progressive representatives to Congress; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That this conference go on record as greeting the efforts of labor and farmer forces in various states to build their own parties on a local and state scale, and offer its cooperation to such movements to build a coalition of all labor and progressive forces on a truly national scale; and, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That if and when sufficient support expresses itself in the trade unions and other labor, farmer and progressive organizations of California for independent political action on the localities or on a state scale, the organizations represented at this conference give full support to the promotion of a Farmer-Labor Party; and, BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That immediately after the August primary elections, another statewide conference be called of all labor, farmer, and progressive organizations and political groups to discuss the possibility of furthering the movement for a labor-progressive united front against the candidates of reaction.

SECOND RESOLUTION WHEREAS: The situation in California shows an alarming growth in the activities of the reactionary and fascist elements against the labor movement and against the civil liberties of the people; and,

WHEREAS: The huge Democratic registration and vote in the May 5th primaries expresses the overwhelming sentiment of the labor and progressive forces against the Hearst-Merriam-Hoover Liberty League forces; and,

WHEREAS: The most effective way of rallying the progressive sentiments of the people is through establishing united political action in the coming State and Congressional elections representing a coalition of all labor and progressive forces, which was shown by the example of the Victory of the People's Front in France over fascism; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That on the basis of the platform adopted by the February 23rd Epic Convention and by this conference, we propose that candidates for the State Legislature and Congress be democratically nominated in their respective districts by united front conferences to which have been invited representatives from every organization in that district who have endorsed the election platform of this conference; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That our aim and purpose shall be, at these conferences, to unite all progressive forces in support of a united front platform; to select the best and most effective candidates, cutting across

Not Mutiny, Gentlemen



HERE'S JOE CURRAN (left) leader of the rank and file seamen's strike in New York, telling Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper why the East Coast seamen are on strike. Trying to hang a mutiny charge on striking seamen is one way the shipowners have of keeping conditions on shipboard down to a coolie level, Curran says.

Fascist Measure Against Foreign-Born Is Pushed

WASHINGTON.—Efforts to bring the Kerr-Coolidge deportation bill before the Senate and pass it continue on the part of its backers.

Ultra-reactionaries like Senator Reynolds (Dem., N. C.), are not satisfied with the bill as it stands, and demand that it be made to include a drastic cut in immigration quotas, and compulsory registration and finger printing of foreign-born.

The bill as it stands tightens existing deportation laws. It is intended for use against foreign-born workers who take part in union activity or other progressive movements.

George Geofrian, militant worker who was arrested last November in Vallejo and held for deportation on charges of "subversive activity among U. S. sailors," is again held on Angel Island, after his bail was raised from \$2000 to \$2500.

In a similar case here, I. Finkelstein is out on bail, facing deportation on improper charges of "subversive activities among soldiers." Finkelstein, following his arrest last November, was placed in the dope-filled tank in Alameda County jail over a month. He was held virtually incommunicado for two months on Angel Island. Charges against Finkelstein were based on the statement of a Presidio soldier that Finkelstein had induced him to join the Communist Party.

The only proof offered by the soldier was a few copies of Inspector, which can be bought freely at Workers' Bookstores. The Hearst press and the American Legion Subversive Committee have demanded even more severe action taken against these two workers.

Court Gives Shipyard Bosses Breaks; Strike Closes 8 Pedro Yards

SAN FRANCISCO.—An injunction suit brought by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. in the District of Columbia courts has halted hearings on unfair labor practices in the company's yards here. The Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers seeks to be designated the collective bargaining agent.

SAN PEDRO.—A strike of 350 union-carpenters has closed San Pedro's eight shipbuilding yards. The carpenters demand a \$1.10 hourly basic wage and union recognition.

party lines, who will fight for such a platform; to realize as much as possible the putting forward of one united front slate of candidates on the August primary ballot of every party where sufficient sponsors and support can be obtained; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: That another statewide conference be called following the August primaries, to decide on the necessary steps for the November elections.

People's Battle Against Reaction Now on the Air

LOS ANGELES, May 15.—The people's fight against reaction in Southern California is now going over the air-waves.

Every Saturday, 1:45 to 2 p. m., the American League Against War and Fascism is on the air over Station KMPC.

The Southern California Councils for Constitutional Rights, leading the fight for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, is broadcasting every Tuesday, 1:45 to 2 p. m., over the same station.

Daladier

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The Pacific nations will then find a solidarity which, if it had existed and had been plainly stated in August, 1914, would have spared us the invasion of Belgium and France.

We are out to construct a new social order, in which man is to be liberated from all his slaveries, and a new life for the working class, the artisan and the small shopkeeper, above which there will not suspend, like a gruesome black cloud, the menace of the Fascist slave-camp. Therefore we will begin with abolishing privilege and restore to labor its eminent dignity. The road ahead is not easy. But together Socialists and Communists and Liberals are invincible. We have the power, it need be, to overpower our enemies. We intend to proceed with moderation and wisdom, but with justice. We will tolerate no sabotage by the forces of Fascism. We also know how to strike, and strike hard!

Scapegoat Sought For Fatal Blaze

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Police yesterday arrested Betty Blossom, torch dancer, as state and city officials sought a scapegoat for the fire which swept the Shamrock Club here early yesterday and claimed four lives.

The dancer's flaming benzine torches ignited silken drapes in the night club as she was dancing, and four deaths and 17 injuries occurred when the patrons hysterically attempted to crush their way out of the fire trap through one narrow doorway.

Fire Chief Brennan sought an "out" from responsibility by claiming that no ordinance covered such a fire hazard. However, an ordinance provides that all places of public assembly must have at least two exits, at least five feet wide, to the street, and doors must open outward. The Shamrock Club had only one door to the street, opening into the club.

The dancer was booked on a charge of violating a city ordinance prohibiting use of an open flame in a public place without a permit, and was released on \$25 bail.

Fight Red-Baiting In Central Labor, Contra Costa Co.

RODEO, Calif.—The Central Labor Council of Contra Costa County, at its last meeting here, witnessed one of the liveliest sessions in months when the red scare was raised.

Wednesday, May 6th, the Executive Committee of the Council brought in a report that, due to the fact that the Western Worker had carried an account of the proceedings of a previous meeting, the Council should go into executive session from 7:30 p. m. to 9 p. m., so no one except delegates could attend until the business session was over.

MOTION TO REJECT

When the report was read a motion was immediately made to reject it. The delegate making the motion gave the fact that the recommendation was to move to the musicians' hall, which is a scab building, as his reason. When it was explained that the points of the recommendation would be taken up point by point and voted on separately a motion was passed to accept the report. A committee was appointed to look for a new hall in Richmond.

When it came to the question of closing the Council to all but delegates, several of the latter immediately rose and stated their objections to this move and asked why closed meetings should be held. The secretary explained a report of proceedings of the previous meeting had gone to publications that they did not want to have it.

Finally a delegate asked that the Western Worker report be read. When it was read he sat back as if he had saved the world from Communism, and expected that the recommendation would be carried.

PROGRESSIVES SPEAK UP

Another delegate took the floor and said the Communist Party is a legal political party in California and he could see no harm in having the article in the Western Worker. Several others voiced their opinions as to why the Council should not be closed. Finally a delegate moved an amendment to refer the matter back to the unions for consideration. He declared himself a strong believer in rank and file control. The amendment carried.

A delegation from the Anti-Criminal Syndicalism Conference visited the Council, asking that it throw its support to the repeal of the law by circulating petitions in the union locals and collecting signatures. Ten dollars was donated to the repeal campaign. Brother Baker, East Bay organizer of the C. S. conference and a member of the International Longshoremen's Association addressed the Council.

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Eight-Page Paper Needs Subscribers

Build our circulation! Now that the Western Worker has broadened its scope as the fighting press organ of the Pacific Coast workers and Farmers, with eight vital pages of news items and features, mass circulation of our newspaper is needed urgently that it may carry on still further working class struggles, that it may give guidance to thousands and tens of thousands more in their day-to-day problems.

Because of general improvement and enlargement to eight pages, the Western Worker has been forced to increase its subscription rates to \$3 per year, \$1.60 for six months, 90 cents for three months; in city and county of San Francisco, \$3.50 per year, \$1.90 for six months, \$1 for three months.

However, amazing book premiums are being offered with a yearly subscription. See advertisement for the bargain offers in this issue. Never before have such exceptional premiums been offered to class-conscious workers of the Pacific Coast for subscribing to their newspaper.

In order to drive forward to still greater improvements, the Western Worker needs thousands of new readers NOW. If you have criticisms or suggestions for improving our paper, for making it more attractive to the toiling masses, write them in immediately. Let's drive forward to double our circulation by the end of the year!

Vote Strike On 3 Railroads in Calif. For Higher Wages

SACRAMENTO.—Members of several railroad unions have voted overwhelmingly for a strike on three roads, unless the companies—the Western Pacific, Sacramento Northern, and Tidewater Southern—agree to demands for wage increases. Date for the strike has not yet been set.

Among the unions affected are the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. Officials of these two unions stated that the vote for strike was almost unanimous.

The demand of the men on the Western Pacific is for higher wages on the Keddie-Bieber mountain run, while the workers on the two other roads demand the same wage and hour basis existing on the Western Pacific.

Even though the crafts are not directly involved, the strike would tie the roads up completely.

BOSSSES ARROGANT

M. P. Reynolds, an official of the Conductors, stated that Western Pacific executives have refused even to meet with the men on their request for a mountain run differential, or higher pay for the Keddie-Bieber stretch.

Those who took part in the strike vote were the engineers and conductors on the Western Pacific, motormen on the electrified Sacramento Northern, and conductors, engineers, brakemen and firemen on the Tidewater Southern.

The Western Pacific Road extends to Salt Lake City; the Sacramento Northern connects Sacramento Valley points with Oakland, and the Tidewater Southern extends southward from Sacramento to Hilmar, beyond Modesto.

BAPTISTS HALT JINGOIST MOVE

SAN DIEGO, May 10.—Progressive forces at the Southern California Baptist Convention here the past week, stopped at least temporarily a reactionary attack on the anti-war movement by the red-baiting Dr. Rex A. Mitchell of Paso Robles.

Mitchell introduced a resolution attacking the anti-war and pacifist movements as "political radicalism," terming pacifism as a "subtle attack in the militant program of Communism upon America." He sought to have the convention oppose the Northern Baptist Group, which took an anti-war position at its 1935 convention. Immediately protests from the liberal and progressive delegates filled the auditorium.

Finally a resolution passed that the question be referred to a meeting in Los Angeles next month, with all pastors and laymen invited to attend.

Repeal Anti-Labor Syndicalism Law!

"That (Fascism) won't happen if liberals and radicals combine as they are starting to combine today to repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Law and to free the Sacramento prisoners."

"We have to get all trade unions with us. We have to get all the 800,000 who voted for Upton Sinclair. We need united efforts. If we can accomplish that, we can and will repeal the C. S. Law."

—Milan Dempster, state chairman of the Socialist Party, at State Congress for Repeal of the C. S. Act, Sacramento, April 19th.

WORKERS WILL CANVASS CITY IN C.S. DRIVE

Special Mobilization For Signatures May 23rd

SAN FRANCISCO, May 14.—Driving hard to reach this city's quota of signatures on the initiative petitions for repeal of the Criminal Syndicalism Act, San Francisco delegates to the recent Sacramento Congress for Repeal of the C. S. Act met here this week to set up committees in every one of nine assembly districts.

The committees will go from house to house in their respective assembly districts here to collect signatures and to carry on educational activity.

All organizations and individuals who are willing to participate in this house-to-house drive are requested by the Conference Committee to apply for information at 68 Haight street, Room 6.

These assembly district committees will be set up and acting before the city-wide mobilization on Saturday, May 23rd, to circulate the petitions.

Committees are also being set up within the various trade unions, unemployed groups, Epic clubs, and other organizations for the purpose of speeding the educational and signature-collecting in this people's campaign against the anti-labor statute.

The state-wide goal in the campaign is 240,000 signatures by June 10th.

STEEL WORKERS VOTE C.I.O. PLAN

CANONSBURG, Pa.—The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, voted in Convention on May 31 by 53 to 31, to adopt the plan of the Committee for Industrial Organization for a campaign to unionize the steel industry on an industrial basis.

As announced several times by John L. Lewis, the C. I. O. plan includes an offer by the industrial union organization of \$500,000 toward organization of steel.

The vote marked a historic step in the life of the steel union, which, because of the A. F. of L. Executive Committee's craft union policy, has been unable to grow to an organization embracing any considerable portion of the over 500,000 workers in the steel industry.

It is a slap at William Green, who a few days before had informed the convention that the Executive Council would undertake to organize the steel industry only if it were agreed that the steel workers' wage be divided up into crafts.

East Pa. Miners Win 7-Hr. Day, 5-Day Wk.

NEW YORK.—106,000 anthracite coal miners of Eastern Pennsylvania, members of the United Mine Workers, who threatened to strike, have won a 7-hour day, 5-day week, in the new agreement signed with the operators. Complete checkoff system of dues collection and limited equalization of work was also won.

But two bad features of the agreement are that the miners are barred from striking for two years, and the U. M. W. A. promises its cooperation in the stamping out of "bootleg mining"—the working of small, abandoned mines by unemployed.

WORKERS BEAT FRAME-UP; ONE HELD RE-TRIAL

LOS ANGELES, May 13.—Charges of displaying a banner brought against Jack Johnson, white worker, and Hershel Alexander, young Negro youth leader were dismissed yesterday.

At the same time, a jury disagreed in Municipal Judge Leo Aggeler's court on charges against Alexander of speaking without a permit.

Alexander will be tried again in Division 7, municipal court, on Thursday, May 14th.

Testimony of workers at the trial clearly exposed the discriminatory practices of the police. Salvation Army meetings and meetings of the Holiness Church on Central avenue are never molested. According to one defense witness, students being initiated into college fraternities have even gone into the Central avenue Police Station.

Alexander and Johnson were arrested on April 6th when police smashed a peaceful anti-war meeting at 43rd street and Central avenue.

Upholsterers Win Over Employers in Attempted Lockout

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—Mass picket lines of the Upholsterers' Union Local 15, which completely closed the plant of the Sterling Furniture Manufacturing Company, forced the granting of the workers' demands here yesterday after a three day lockout.

The workers were locked out Friday after successfully calling a "sitdown" strike. The workers were ousted from the plant by police, called by the bosses.

The company called for the shop committee yesterday morning after heavy picket lines had closed the plant for three days. After a short conference the company agreed to all demands of the union.

The union demands were, reinstatement of the fired worker, no discrimination against workers, and recognition of the shop committee.

As a result of this quick victory the Upholsterers are very enthusiastic and have every confidence that they will be able to defeat the Valley Bedding Company, which moved here from Fresno to "escape" the union. Workers who have been picketing at the Sterling plant will now go to the Valley Bedding Company.

Unemployed Arrange Celebration June 6th

LOS ANGELES, May 9.—The unemployed of Los Angeles County are making plans for a real holiday on June 6, at the Danish Hall, 1359 1/2 West 24th street. A supper and dance has been arranged for that date by the Public Works and Unemployed Union. Supper will be 25 cents, and admission 15 cents.

BRAND U. S. POSTMASTERS

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Protests and demands for a complete report on Barron's murder were also sent to the American Ambassador to Brazil, and to the American Consul-General in Rio de Janeiro—without reply. On April 17th, a committee to Postmaster McCarthy was given the complete runaround by the office staff, who promised to notify the committee when an interview could be had with the postmaster, but who never fulfilled such a promise.

PRESTES IN DANGER

Because of his sympathy for the oppressed masses of Brazil, Barron was murdered by the fascists of that country, who are dominated by the most reactionary sections of American finance capital. These same fascists are now threatening to murder Luis Prestes, idolized leader of the Brazilian masses and member of the executive committee of the Communist International, whom they have imprisoned; and are also threatening to deport back to Germany a refugee from the Nazi terror, Arthur Ewert, former Communist dep-

I. L. A. Convention Favors Return of Charter to S. U. P.

(Continued from Page 1) sons "who assisted in getting the British Columbia longshoremen in this position" (in reference to ending the boycott) was passed, putting the convention on record to use every effort to assist the B. C. longshoremen. The resolution that the District I. L. A. elect delegates to the National Negro Congress Continuance Committee was non-concurred.

PROGRESS OF SCALERS

Delegate Brown, reporting for Ship Scalers' Local 38-100, San Francisco, told of the progress of the local. As a result of last November's effort the scale has been increased by \$1.14 a day, he said. The local has won a hiring hall and a dispatcher, paid for by the contractors.

District President Lewis took this occasion to attack the Scalers' president, Woolf, accusing him of having "cut wages." Lewis resorted to such an attack in order to defend certain persons whom the Scalers had expelled (as Brown reported), because of their disruptive activities. Brown pointed out how Woolf had tried to get the men back to work at the \$4 scale which had been negotiated, but that the contractors would not agree and the members had instructed him to try to get \$3.75 a day. Some of the contractors granted \$3.85.

Stuyvelaar, proxy delegate from the Bargemen's Local 38-101, told of the hot cargo clause in their agreement, to the effect that the employees refuse to work on any docks, or vessels where cargo has been declared unfair by a maritime labor organization.

Delegate Cottle, 38-102 Bargemen, reported that the Stockton and San Francisco locals, 90 miles apart, have made an effort to sign joint agreements with the employers, signed by both locals. He told of raises all the way from 30 to 95 per cent in wages.

Delegate Clay, 38-108 (Stockton) stated that his local will favor any action on a uniform agreement for the entire Pacific Coast.

HAWAII MEN GREETED

Three Hawaii delegates, one of them a Japanese worker, told of the fight the longshoremen are putting up there for decent conditions, and urged that a charter be granted the Hawaii longshoremen. They received applause. These delegates worked their way to the convention.

Charles Stein, fraternal delegate from the Gulf, announced he had received a letter from the president of Local 1226, New Orleans, which stated that Ryan had issued charters to two company unions. Stein characterized Ryan as a "Judas."

Penny-Pitchers Are Nabbed by Dragnet

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., May 13.—Penny-pitchers fell within the dragnet of Police Chief Davis' anti-gambling campaign here yesterday. The "gamblers," one of whom was a 12-year-old boy, were arrested on Hollywood Boulevard. Arresting officers said they were "impeding sidewalk traffic."

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California Labor Notes

ALAMEDA.—Local 70 of the Teamsters' Union is cooperating with the Boyle Mfg. Co. strikers by refusing to pass the picket line. The strike has been endorsed by the Alameda Central Labor Council.

MARTINEZ.—Clarks' Union, Local 376 has negotiated an agreement for union clerks at the Hagstrom store, winning pay increases and reducing the working week to 54 hours. The wage and hour negotiations were conducted in Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The first meeting of the newly formed Ladies' Auxiliary of the union label section of the San Francisco Labor Council was held Wednesday, May 13. The object of the auxiliary is to enlist the support of wives and other women members of the families of trade unionists toward spending money on union-made or marketed goods. 250 delegates from various unions have already signed up. Louis McLaughlin, the auxiliary's president says:

Thomas Rotell, secretary of the section of the Labor Council, has announced plans for a city-wide survey of where union-made goods are sold and where union labor is employed.

OAKLAND.—The Cannery Workers' Union reports that its organization campaign is now under way and that 3000 leaflets printed by the Central Labor Council have been distributed. The campaign will end with a big mass meeting in June, just before the canneries open up for the fruit canning season.

RODFO.—Members of Selby Local 51 of the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers held a dance and entertainment at the Windmill Tavern here to which 200 came. Among the guests were members of Oil Workers' Local 326, who were specially invited by the smeltermen and miners.

RICHMOND.—The Contra Costa County Labor Council announces the following on the "unfair list": Perry and Ambrosio Barber Shops, Andrade Apts., Stark and Cozy Barber Shops, Herman Cleaners, Rago Barber Shop, Ames Baldwin Shovel Co., W. V. Bernard, contractors, Crown Work and Seal.

EL CAJON.—Casey's appointed Federated Trades Executive Board is reported trying to revive the El Cajon Agricultural Workers' Union (A. F. of L.) against the already existing organizations of agricultural workers' unions, like the Union Obreros y Campesinos, which has 900 members. Progressive elements state that instead of splitting the workers in this way, the already existing unions should be approached to affiliate with the A. F. of L. There is already sentiment in these unions for affiliation.

SAN DIEGO.—Four new members were initiated at the last meeting of the Machinists. General vice president Grew gave a talk on organizing the aircraft workers not only in San Diego, but all over the West Coast. He told of union men being victimized in aircraft plants; one member of the San Diego local has been out of work three weeks after being victimized for being a union member.

Gulf Sailors Form Emergency Comm.

PORT ARTHUR, Tex.—The terrorist tactics of the reactionary international officials of the International Seamen's Union, against the rank and file, whose charter has been revoked, has forced the Port Arthur branch of the I. S. U. to form an emergency committee.

The emergency committee is headed by A. Thomas, militant Gulf rank and file leader. The committee is similar to the one formed by the Sailors' Union of the Pacific when its charter was revoked.

The international officials revoked the Port Arthur charter on the ground that the branch is "communist and radical," which was a way of masking the real reason—the branch's affiliation to the Gulf Maritime Federation, and its determination to maintain rank and file control.

The committee is primarily a Charter Restoration Committee. It is a result of the reign of thug law established by Arthur Barnes, international organizer of the I. S. U., a reactionary.

The rank and file movement of Port Arthur has been endorsed by the Emergency Committee, of the Sailors' Union of the Pacific.

COURT DECISION ON LEMKE BILL HITS FARMERS

Frazier-Lemke Refinancing Act Would Pay Mortgages and Increase Living Costs

ST. LOUIS.—Banking interests were given a break by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals here, which ruled unconstitutional the Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage moratorium act.

The judges held that "the conclusion is inescapable that the amended moratorium act with its provision for a 3-year stay violated the fifth amendment, because it takes from the appellant, without compensation, valuable rights in the mortgaged property, and gives them to the appellee."

Translated into English, this means that a break for the farmer in the shape of a delay on foreclosure is constructed by the judges as an attack on private property.

WASHINGTON.—A group of farmers seated in the House gallery applauded when Representative Lemke of North Dakota took the floor in the debate which raged on the Frazier-Lemke farm-debt refinancing bill, which would authorize issuance of three billion dollars in new money to refinance farmers' mortgages at the low interest rate of 1 1/2 per cent over 47 years.

Both Democrats and Republicans joined the Liberty League forces in fiercely attacking the bill as its backers made a strong effort to push it through for final passage.

The Communist Party supports passage of the Frazier-Lemke refinancing bill, pointing out, however, that the issuance of three billion in paper currency would increase living costs for both farmers and city consumers, and that the bill should be amended to the effect that funds should be raised by taxing high incomes and corporate surpluses.

Plan General Ark. Strike in Cotton

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—With terror and evictions continuing, the Southern Tenant Farmers' Union has voted, 6118 to 348, for a strike in those Arkansas cotton counties most affected. The union strike committee has been authorized to call a general plantation strike if all other means fail in bringing about an improvement in the situation.

The union is demanding a just and fair contract for sharecroppers and tenant farmers, 10 cents an hour for a 10-hour day, and 15 cents an hour overtime for day laborers.

Over 200 families have been evicted in northeastern Arkansas alone. Local WPA and Resettlement officials refuse to help evicted members of the Union.

"We intend to stop every plow and hoe in the cotton fields if all else fails," said H. L. Mitchell, executive secretary of the Union, "and if we can hold out for one week, the planters will have to give in or face the loss of their crops."

U. S. EXPORTING ARMS TO CHINA

According to the official list of licenses for the exportation of arms and war materials, issued by the U. S. State Dept. on March 15, licenses to the extent of \$499,525 were issued during February 1936 for export to China. U. S. armaments exports for January totaled \$4,217,814 about three-fourths of which went to China as follows: fighting planes, \$2,791,000; machine guns, rifles and pistols \$125,500; grenades and bombs \$6,950; aircraft engines \$40,000.

More for Horses Than for Hunger

During the fiscal year 1937, the U. S. will spend over \$3,000,000 for forage for army horses and only \$2,500,000 for services for crippled children, according to a pamphlet published by the Labor Dept. of the Natl Council for Prevention of War. The amount spent for ROTC will be \$4,008,900—that spent for material and child health service will be \$3,000,000. The National Guard Bureau will receive \$34,000,000 while the Children's Bureau will get \$7,714,000. Naval vessels will be replaced to the sum of \$230,500,000, but the Department of Labor budget is only \$24,319,000.

May Day a Great Day in New York



UNITED RANKS mean power, as witness the mighty May Day demonstration of more than 150,000 in New York. At the left is a group of marchers from the Young People's Socialist League, calling for a Farmer-Labor Party; at the right are

nurses and war veterans who led the parade. In the center paraders dressed in Ku Klux Klan regalia follow a man in tar and feather, dramatizing the Tampa flog-murder case.

EPICS MOVING TOWARD FARMER-LABOR PARTY

Democrat Vote Seen As Anti-Liberty League Protest

By Wm. Schneiderman.

The May 10th Conference called by the California End Poverty League was faced with the task of deciding the fate of the Epic movement, after the decisive defeat of the Epic slate in the presidential primaries. This defeat was mainly due to the fact that the Epic leaders offered no policy to convince the voters that Upton Sinclair was a more loyal supporter of Roosevelt than McAdoo.

In the absence of a Farmer-Labor party, the people of California had no other alternative but to vote for the Roosevelt slate; it was not so much a vote for Roosevelt, as it was an expression of opposition to the American Liberty League and the Hearst-Merriam-Hoover-Republican Party. The Democratic voters did not see any difference between the Sinclair and the McAdoo tickets, both of them preaching faith in Roosevelt and the Democratic party. They still had the illusion that Roosevelt is fighting reaction, that by voting for him they can defeat the pro-fascist forces; Sinclair helped to strengthen that illusion, and as a result was defeated by his own policy.

NO SURRENDER
The futility of attempting to "capture" the Farley-McAdoo Democratic party machine became so clear and self-evident as a result of the May 5th primaries, that the May 10th conference had only two alternatives: either to surrender willingly the 100,000 Epic voters to the Democratic capitalist politicians and job-seeking demagogues of the Senator Culbert Olson clique who want to capitalize on their reputation as "liberals" and "progressives"; or to support the united front against reaction, and prepare for independent political action and a Farmer-Labor party in California. It overwhelmingly accepted the second alternative.

The Epic, trade union, and other delegates who came to the May 10 conference were looking for a program around which the labor and progressive forces could unite. But the Epic leaders had no program to offer them. All they could offer was confusion, defeatism, and demoralization; most of them had sabotaged the calling of the conference, and continued to sabotage every step of the conference itself. The chaotic disorganization which featured the conduct of the conference was but a reflection of the political confusion and lack of perspective or program by any of the Epic leaders.

SINCLAIR DISAPPOINTS
The speech of Upton Sinclair was a typical example. The delegates eagerly waited for what their former idol had to say. But his speech reflected only bitter disillusionment and pessimism, and disgust at the factional intrigues among the leadership of the End Poverty League, especially at the concerted attempt of the Olson group to capture the Epic movement and hand it over to the Democratic machine.

But when it came to drawing any political conclusions, Sinclair had no leadership to offer and retired from the struggle. Even his most ardent following laughed aloud when he insisted that Roosevelt would go to the left after the elections. After such a reception, rather than accept the inevitable conclusion that the Epic should organize for independent political action, Sinclair simply withdrew from the fight and practically told his followers: "Shift for yourselves."

Outside of opposing any change in the status quo, none of the Epic leaders were united on any program; their opposition to the un-

Growers Camps to Tighten Feudalist Control of Labor

MODESTO.—Growers organized by Roy Pike, manager of the four million dollar El Soyo Ranch, are planning a migratory labor camp of their own which will tend to turn the agricultural towns and villages into closed towns in which the employers will strengthen their feudal sway. Such towns would resemble the steel and mining towns of Pennsylvania and Ohio, noted for the absolute control, political and otherwise, over the lives of every worker and member of his family.

The growers have taken this step in opposition to the "model" camps for migratory agricultural labor set up by the federal government, which plans 8 more such camps. At least there will be some degree of personal freedom in the government camps.

Good Chance for Progressive Win At Portland Poll

PORTLAND, Ore.—The Municipal Progressive Political Club's three candidates—Clyde for Mayor and Williams and Anderson for city councilmen, are expected to receive the nomination in the city's May 15 elections. Liberals, progressives, trade unionists, Townsendites, Socialists and Communists are supporting these candidates.

The alarm of the anti-working class elements is seen in the daily editorials in the Oregon Journal and the Morning Oregonian, attacking Clyde.

Sharp Terror Rages Against Tenn. Strike

ROCKWOOD, Tenn.—A four-week reign of terror against the strikers of the Rockwood Hosiery Mills was capped with a frame-up plot in the arrest of strike leaders Jim Hinds and Jim Polson, on charges of having dynamited the town's water-main. The dynamiting is undoubtedly the work of provocateurs.

Forty-five strikers were arrested in the reign of terror, and Matthew Lynch, young Hosiery Workers' Union organizer, was flogged by vigilantes. A "citizens committee" composed of bosses and superintendents is conducting the terrorism. The workers struck early in April, when the mill went on a 10-hour schedule with no wage increase. Wages average \$4 a week, the union states.

REPEAL THE CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM ACT! 240,000 SIGNATURES BY JUNE 10TH!

For unemployment, old-age and social insurance—for the Frazier-Lundeen Bill!

'REGISTER RED' COMRADE TODD URGES VOTERS

Imprisoned Leader Issues Call For Action in Defense of Civil Liberties in California

By Louise Todd

The most reactionary sections of the financial and industrial czars of California are preparing new attacks on the workers, farmers, and poverty stricken middle-class, which are steadily increasing as the election campaigns progress.

For the toilers of California, there can be but one answer of defiance to these would-be fascists: Register Communist!

A mass registration on the Communist ticket will force these reactionaries to think twice before launching attacks against the wage scales, relief budgets, the constitutional rights of the toiling masses.

As former organizer of the Los Angeles section of the Communist Party, I urge every worker, every farmer, every middle-class person, who has enough American red blood in his veins to resent attacks on his constitutional rights, and who dares to fight against starvation, relief-slashing, union-smashing, and vigilantism, to register now in the Party that belongs to him, the Communist Party.

I am imprisoned now in Tehachapi Women's Prison on a sentence of 1 to 14 years, for a technical violation of the election laws in connection with putting the Communist Party on the ballot. This technical violation is made constantly by other political parties, but only members of the Communist Party have ever been penalized for it. Such technicalities will be used in the future to railroad to prison all militant workers who dare oppose the ruling class, unless we build the unity of the working class. A pre-condition for building working class unity is a strong Communist Party and a mass registration of Communist voters.

A mass Communist registration will not only challenge the reactionary drive against the toiling masses, but will also be a mighty wedge to force the release of myself and my eight comrades, who are now serving long terms in Tehachapi and in San Quentin under the infamous Criminal Syndicalism Act for the "crime" of organizing agriculture workers.

Register Communist! must become the immediate slogan of all the oppressed in California.

AFL Top Council Hits 50,000 Office Workers, and French People's Front

WASHINGTON.—Following the second quarterly session of the A. F. of L. Executive Council, William Green wired Mike F. Tighe, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers that the Committee for Industrial Organization's offer of \$500,000 toward a steel industry organizing drive would be accepted—but he did not state that the conditions that go with it—organization of steel on an industrial basis, would also be accepted.

In view of the reiteration by the Executive Council last week that any organization of steel would have to be on a craft union basis, it is not believed that the C. I. O.'s \$500,000 will be forthcoming. The Executive Council, at its sessions, refused a national charter to 50,000 office workers, now in federal jails.

WILL NOT JOIN INTERNATIONAL BODY

It was also decided by the Council that the A. F. of L. do not join the International Federation of Trade Unions. Postponement of the Pan American Federation of Labor conference was announced, on the grounds that "the time is not ripe."

Green listed the victory of the French People's Front and the United front in Spain, as reasons for not affiliating with the I. F. T. U. He slandered the democratically controlled Soviet trade unions by including them with the Italian and German fascist boss-controlled unions, in announcing that lack of freedom in these unions was also a reason for not joining the I. F. T. U.

The Council ordered Green to make "inquiries" as to the setting up of a Food Department, similar to the Metal Trades Department.

The Western Worker Circulation Drive is now on. 2000 new readers by June.

Fascism Lurking In Guiana Jungle

Our hero and his pals were struggling through the French Guiana jungle, escaping from Devil's Island. Suddenly we saw a giant python coiled around a tree limb over the path. As the fugitive ducked under the limb, the movie audience gasped.

Suddenly came a cry from the audience:

"Look out for Hitler!" And throughout this proletarian San Francisco movie house, laughter echoed and re-echoed.

Ship Telegraphers Vote to Join AFL

NEW YORK CITY.—Affiliation of the American Radio Telegraphers' Association with the A. F. of L., through a merger with the Commercial Telegraphers' Union, is expected to be completed by May 15.

Affiliation and merger was voted three to one in the recent referendum among the A. R. T. U. members. An obstacle in the way of affiliation has been the endorsement of the Mackey boycott by the C. T. U. international officials, but this is expected to be straightened out.

On May 4 national officials of the A. R. T. U. and Frank Powers, president of the C. T. U., conferred on final negotiations.

On the West Coast the A. R. T. U. is affiliated with the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, and has worked closely with other maritime unions affiliated with the A. F. of L.

Alameda Railway Labor Aids Mooney

OAKLAND.—A Mooney Defense Committee has been organized here consisting of all of the Railroad Brotherhoods. It was announced that they have raised over \$1000 toward the defense and that in the near future they are giving a monster entertainment to raise additional funds.

The Mooney Defense Committee of the Central Labor Council has announced that all plans are ready for the great mass meeting to be held in the Auditorium Theater, Friday evening, May 15.

REGISTER COMMUNIST TO BUILD UNITY OF THE WORKING CLASS!

PRIVATE LIFE OF Peter Vinogradov A SOVIET PICTURE

Residents of Alameda and the East Bay will have the opportunity of seeing a fine Soviet film, "Private Life of Peter Vinogradov," next Friday, Saturday and Sunday (May 15-16-17) at the Studio Theater, Lincoln and Bay sts., Alameda. Showings are at 7 and 9 p. m., with matinees at 2 p. m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is 35 cents.

Hochman Answers Dubinsky, ILG Head

NEW YORK.—The statements of President David Dubinsky, of the International Ladies Garment Workers, who resigned from the Socialist Party to support President Roosevelt, were answered by the I. L. G. W.'s vice-president Julius Hochman.

Hochman reaffirmed his faith in the socialist movement, stating that "we insist that there is hope for the workers only in the adoption and fulfillment of a broad, basic constructive program grounded in a recognition of the rights of the working class."

"We are firm in the conviction that the workers can achieve power only through their own political party and through their own workingclass program."

LABOR COUNCIL DEMANDS PROBE

Congressional Action on Shasta County Reclamation Project Urged by Alameda Body

OAKLAND.—After exposing the horrible conditions under which tunnel workers are forced to work at the Kennett, Shasta County dam project of the U. S. Reclamation Department, the Alameda Central Labor Council passed a resolution demanding an investigation be made at once.

It was pointed out that all state and national mining safety laws are being violated and already a large percentage of the workers are suffering from the fatal disease of silicosis.

BOYLE STRIKE CONTINUES

The strike of the workers of the Boyle Mfg. Co. in Alameda is still in progress. It was learned upon good authority that this firm has been attempting, through the industrial association, to hire scabs in Stockton. With the receipt of this report picket lines were established on a 24-hour shift basis and the men are sticking together 100 per cent.

In reporting progress toward the repeal of the antipicketing ordinance in San Leandro much credit for good and intelligent work was given to Mr. O'Neal of the local Public Works and Unemployed Union, and Mr. Phillips of the EPIC group. It is expected that the offensive ordinance will be repealed by the city fathers tonight.

Two new unions were reported in the process organization. The Window Dressers' Union will send for their charter this week. The Beauty Shop Operators held their first meeting and it is expected that they will apply for a charter within the next two or three weeks.

Also, the proposed new Factory Workers Federal Union held an enthusiastic meeting at which about 300 were present. They are awaiting their charter from the A. F. of L. These workers include those working in small plants who do not come under the jurisdiction of any of the craft unions.

GULF ILA WILL MEET MAY 18TH

Reactionary Attempt to Smash Maritime Federation Seen

NEW ORLEANS.—The Maritime Federation of the Gulf will be the main issue at the convention of the South Atlantic and Gulf Coast District of the I. L. A. to be held beginning May 18.

Up to the present, the district officials, President M. J. Dwyer, Secretary Albert E. Anderson, and Vice President D. H. Hamilton, who bosses Local 851 of Galveston, Tex., has threatened members of that local with expulsion for attending Federation meetings. The threat has not yet been carried out.

The progressives state that they are not forcing the issue of the Federation, knowing that in the South such a movement moves more slowly. They say that the reactionaries are the ones who will try to make it an issue, in an attempt to crush the Federation while it is yet young.

Food Union Head In S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Edward Fiore, general president of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees International Alliance, with a membership of 80,000, is in San Francisco for a week's stay. He will be the main speaker Thursday night, May 14, at Eagles Hall, at a joint meeting of the five local unions affiliated with the local joint executive board of the culinary crafts.

California has 48 locals affiliated with the International, the largest number of any state.

Red Flag Ordinance "Held in Abeyance"

TACOMA, Wash.—Despite the city council's dictum that no Red Flag be exhibited, or even possessed by Tocamans, these emblems of the working class were proudly carried at the head of Tacoma's May Day parade. No attempt was made to prevent the workers taking their rights, because of previous mass meets and protests at city council sessions against the ordinance.

The city council has been compelled to make a statement that the ordinance is held in abeyance.

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An Object Lesson for Labor And Farmers Both

In the past week both organized workers and farmers in the state of California have had an excellent opportunity to see in whose benefit those elected to office on the old party tickets operate. This time their honors, the judges, have furnished the object lesson.

Under the "New Deal," that old army game, the runaround, has prevailed. Fine-sounding speeches by President Roosevelt would make large sections of organized labor feel good; labor laws that apparently seemed swell would be sponsored by the president; Labor Boards would be set up and make decisions that seemed beautiful, especially after a lot of build-up by high A. F. of L. officials. And then—

And then when an important case regarding the rights of organized labor came up, either the buck would be passed from one federal department to another, or the courts stepped in and scotched the whole shebang as far as labor was concerned. A procedure which the President knew full well would occur.

And so it happens that hearings on charges of unfair labor practices against the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp. yards in San Francisco, brought by the Industrial Union of Shipbuilding Workers, are halted by an injunction suit in the District of Columbia courts. Companies like Bethlehem Steel know they don't have to worry when they have courts, consisting of Republican and Democratic judges, to turn to.

And now for the lesson to be learned by the farmers, from a U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision which may have been handed down in St. Louis, but which is of great importance for poor and middle farmers in California.

After a long period of militant struggle by farmers throughout the country to halt evictions, Congress was forced to pass the Frazier-Lemke mortgage moratorium act, which granted a three-year stay in indebtedness on farm mortgages. Such a bill did not exactly please the big bankers who own most of the mortgages. Therefore, the Court of Appeals (on which both Democrats and Republicans sit), rules the act unconstitutional because it is "an attack on private property"—in this case the rights of the bankers to the property of the farmers.

If only labor's and the farmers' own men sat on the bench!

It can be done, if the farmers and organized labor unite on such issues as the above, to build local and state Farmer-Labor Parties, and push forward to a national Farmer-Labor Party. Even though still-remaining widespread illusion in Roosevelt may still make a presidential Farmer-Labor ticket unfeasible in 1936, labor can and must elect its own local officials, congressmen and Senators, and members of the judiciary this year.

Labor Will Repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Law

"Repeal the Criminal Syndicalism Act."

Recognizing correctly that this infamous statute is a menace to the broad masses of California, and particularly to the organized labor movement, five Central Labor Councils of the San Francisco Bay area have joined the initiative petition campaign to repeal this law.

Last Friday night the San Francisco Central Labor Council joined the central trade union bodies of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin and Solano counties to form a mighty barrier against reaction, along with the scores of other people's organizations.

Embracing approximately 240 organizations at the present time and growing rapidly, the State Conference for Repeal of the C. S. Act is increasingly assuming the proportions of a genuine people's front against reaction in California. Repeal of the C. S. Act is a vital step in the direction of a truly powerful united front in the political field, toward the building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

With enthusiasm and determination, the State Conference, representing 500,000 membership in affiliated organizations, must press forward to the immediate goal:

FACTS AND FIGURES

FOOD CONSUMPTION IN THE UNITED STATES

A recent study of national food consumption undertaken by the U. S. Department of Agriculture revealed that, even in times of so-called prosperity, the people of the United States were getting each year nearly 100 billion pounds of foodstuffs less than their real needs. Amounts of each staple food that would be required if each family in the United States had an adequate yearly diet were estimated, and these figures were then compared with the pounds of food actually produced in 1929, the peak year of Hoover's "prosperity." It was found that there was a lack or deficiency of about 13 billion quarts of milk (the nation consuming only half as much milk as the Department of Agriculture considers necessary for a proper diet), one and one-third billion pounds of tomatoes and citrus fruits, more than 12 billion pounds of fruits and green vegetables, two billion pounds of meat, and more than 15 billion eggs.

Despite the chronic undernourishment of the American people indicated by these figures, production of foodstuffs has undergone a considerable decline since 1929. According to the Bureau of the Census of the U. S. Department of Commerce, the value of all food products produced in the United States decreased from \$11,606,368,000 in 1929 to \$6,604,036,000 in 1933—a decline of 43 per cent. Consumption of food (as indicated in the Department of Commerce figures of total retail food turnover) declined from \$10,837,421 in 1929 to \$6,793,010 in 1933—a decline of 38 per cent.

At the same time we find that in 1934 average retail food prices increased 11 per cent compared to 1933; and 11.2 per cent in 1935 as compared with 1934.

COST OF LIVING CONTINUES UPWARD

Here are some facts on the cost of living:

Cost of living generally, measured by indexes of conservative National Industrial Conference Board, was nearly 19 per cent higher at beginning than in April, 1933.

Retail food prices are now about 41 per cent above April 1933. Department store prices (fairchild composite of various clothing, textile and home furnishings items) were (on January 2, 1936) over 27 per cent above April, 1933 low.

Rents, according to most conservative estimates, are over 17 per cent above low point in January, 1933.

And the price trend upward is expected to continue.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY WILL RUN CANDIDATES IN CERTAIN DISTRICTS — REGISTER COMMUNIST NOW!

WHY HEARST'S SUDDEN INTEREST IN ZIONISM?

Yellow Journalist Concerned Over Palestine Bourgeoisie

William Randolph Hearst, fascism's chief ringmaster in the United States has emerged as a defender of Zionism. His spokesman is Isaac Don Levine, long noted as an enemy of the working class and particularly of the Soviet Union where that class holds power.

Followers of Zionism would do well to ponder the question why Hearst has chosen this moment to defend their cause.

The Hearst-Levine concoctions are particularly timely in that on May 7 the Jewish colonists of Biro-Bidjan celebrated the second anniversary of their autonomy as part of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics.

Hearst is an enemy of immigrants. Through his flunkies, Isaac Don Levine, he denounces the Communist Party of Palestine because that Party demands that immigration into Palestine should not be controlled by Zionism and should not have as its aim "the conquest of the land" and the "conquest of the jobs."

FRIEND OF HITLER

Hearst pretends to be a friend of the Jews. But it is well known that he is Hitler's chief supporter



Farmers near Coucy-le-Chateau in France are still digging unexploded shells out of their fields, which were the No-Man's Land of the World War. Sales of these munitions brought millions to Wall Street financiers, despite the fact that war debts remain largely unpaid. The

prospect of new profits to be made in the wars now impending, brings joy to Wall Street. But it is an awakened working class they must deal with this time. And they will find a powerful People's Front Against War blocking their path.

John Leech, Party Organizer, Sees Greater Unity

By John Leech, Los Angeles Section Organizer (Concluded From Last Issue)

Part of the sectarianism that still exists in our Party to a dangerous extent is the failure to recognize that new recruits have personal problems that must be solved. Comrades must be made to feel that the Party belongs to them. We must realize that not only is the new recruit who comes to a unit meeting for the first time "on trial" but that our Party is also "on trial" in the eyes of the new recruit. These new comrades coming to us with the hand-over of all their capitalist inspired confusion, present a real challenge to us and only improvements in our method of work will determine if they are to stay in the Party and be educated and trained into working class leaders.

We must make it a point to become acquainted with the new comrade's family and friends. Too many times we have lost good comrades because members of his family opposed our Party or because the comrade devoted too many evenings a week to Party work. These problems are vital ones to our section and must be met.

A SOLUTION

One comrade was on the point of dropping out of the Party because his wife objected to his spending three or four nights a

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week on Party work. The wife felt that she was being neglected, and because of this became violently opposed to the Party. However, several developed comrades became friendly with the wife, gradually drawing her closer to the movement. Result: the wife is now a Party member and is more active than the husband, all because several comrades saw correctly that such personal problems must be met.

Sub-section organizers and bureau members and our section committee must make personal acquaintance with all new members. Meetings should be called of all members to discuss with them their opinions of how the Party functions, their suggestions for improving the life of the units, their personal preferences for Party work.

Even comrades of long standing can learn how to improve our work from these new forces, and in turn the new comrades can learn from such discussion.

LAXNESS

Organizational laxness is another reason why we lose so many new comrades. Of all reasons for fluctuation, this is the most inexcusable. Sometimes as much as a month elapses between the time a new member signs up for the Party, and the time the unit contacts him. In many cases units have failed entirely to bring the new member into

a unit. Better system in our work can easily result in no applicant waiting more than two weeks for his Party-book and assignment to a unit. Also, "natural recruits" must follow up by helping to train their recruits and assuming a lasting responsibility towards them.

Although our recruiting in Los Angeles is far from satisfactory, this is not the weakest spot organizationally. We are intolerably weak in the maintenance of dues payments, in absorbing new members into our dues payments, as the figures given at the beginning of this article prove. We can correct this only when we proceed on the basis that the stabilization of our dues apparatus is one of the major political tasks of our Party.

NEW PROBLEMS

Every new member is a different problem, and if we take the matter of fluctuation mechanically we will find no solution. The units must discuss each new member individually, taking his personal problems into account and plan the best means of activating him and retaining him in the Party. If the new comrade makes mistakes he must not be mechanically "bawled out" and accused of serious error. On the contrary, the older comrades must explain the mistakes and develop his understanding of the problems involved.

In the past we have had socialist competition to gain new recruits. In view of our failure to assimilate these recruits into active dues paying members we should in the future base our socialist competition on the increase of dues payment—by units, by sub-sections and in our section. No longer must our slogan only be "how many can we recruit"—but rather, "how many can we keep?" How many can we make active unit attending dues paying members who can be trained in turn to become real Party builders?

MUST BE KEPT

We can not overestimate the importance of retaining these new members, these vital workers from the shops, the trade unions and the other mass organizations. Experience in our section shows that much of our best recruiting is done by these new members, who draw around them their friends, relatives and fellow workers. These new members will be one of our best means of penetrating deeply into the concentration industries, to set up more and more shop units in those key factories.

This does not mean that we must not increase the recruiting tempo of our older Party members. And for this purpose we must definitely put into practice the slogan, "every Party member a member of a mass organization." We must improve on a concentration basis our work in the trade unions.

We must also concentrate on recruiting among the Mexican

workers and among the Negro people. It speaks poorly for our work to consider that of all the Negroes who have been members in our section at one time or another, but about 20 per cent of them are still in the Party. One of the main reasons for this terrific fluctuation rate among Negro comrades, is the unconscious chauvinism on the part of the white comrades, the use of certain expressions without conscious thought, which alienate the Negro people. Chauvinism, whether it be conscious or unconscious, must be uprooted from the membership of our Party.

Serious underestimation exists here toward the 300,000 Mexican people residing in Southern California. We must take steps at once to combat the lack of attention given this important work and develop strong cadres of Mexican comrades to carry on this work. Our Party must come vigorously to the forefront in all struggles waged in the interest of the Mexican workers—the struggles waged in the interest of the Mexican workers—the struggles against discrimination on relief, against evictions and deportations. Starting at once, we must champion the fight of the Mexican people for their rights.

Our Party undoubtedly has more sympathizers among the Negro and Mexican people in Los Angeles, than among other sections of the population. Our task is to crystallize this sympathetic feeling for our Party into organizational gains.

Fluctuation presents many problems, but persistent work in this direction will solve many of these difficulties. Downtown sub-section has had comparatively little fluctuation over the past six months, and has assimilated recruits into dues payments to a fair degree. Hollywood Sub-section, has likewise done fairly well in stopping fluctuation. Our Boyle Heights Sub-section, on the other hand, has recruited a total of 57 new members in the last year while their dues payments remained stagnant at 195 over a 10-month period, indicating that not enough attention has been given to new members.

Sharp improvements in the assimilation of new members, in the raising of our membership by dues payments, will enable the Los Angeles Section to take long strides forward in the building of the United Front against reaction, and in the building of a Farmer-Labor Party.

This improvement must be made without further delay! In the name of the Los Angeles Section Committee, I issue a challenge to the San Francisco Section to a Socialist competition in mass recruiting, to be judged on the basis of increased dues payment between now and June 1st, as a means of going forward to stop fluctuation in our district, and toward 100 per cent assimilation of new recruits.

How Workers' Schools Offer a Guide to Future Events

The San Francisco Workers' School, Room 3, 121 Haight street, offers a wide variety of courses in Marxism-Leninism, current events, trade union problems—economics, history, etc.

Just exactly what can you accomplish by attending the school?

You can gain a scientific knowledge of the social forces operating in the world which will enable you to evaluate the past, understand the present, and look into the future. You will learn no card tricks, but you will learn what to expect when Roosevelt devalues the dollar or announces the government must and shall get out of this business of relief.

Communists are not mystic seers gazing in a crystal globe and chanting predictions on a basis of mumbo jumbo. In fact, Communists sheer away from wild predictions, proclaiming only trends and the probable developments of current affairs.

And yet, the present world situation, viewed in the light of the Communist press of the past, would indicate a foresight that must seem uncanny to the capitalist authorities.

Capitalist papers of today are openly acknowledging an alliance of fascist powers for a war against the Soviet Union. Only a few years ago, these same papers ridiculed the Communist belief that such a war menace would develop.

Capitalist papers today are forced to recognize the economic misery into which the Nazis have plunged Germany. A year ago they claimed that Communist criticism of the economic basis of fascism was mere guesswork and prejudice.

Communist papers realized that the world depression was coming and discussed it long before 1929.

To the capitalist papers and most of their readers, this was sheer fanaticism. They saw no indication that such a grim day would dawn.

Collapse of the NRA and the stupendous war preparation policies of the Roosevelt government were regarded as foregone conclusions by Communists the day the president stepped into office. The same has been true right down the line through all the intricate convulsions of the collapse of capitalism.

One of the serious handicaps of the Communist press has been the fact that its forecasts have usually been so far in advance of the events that the public itself has doubted them as heresies.

The question is, if Communists are not mystic seers or efficient guessers, why have their forecasts been born out with such uncanny accuracy?

The truth is that Communist reasoning is based on practical Marxist-Leninist theory. They understand economics as a definite science with clear laws of operation governing it. They do not view it as a little understood phenomena, as do the capitalist authorities.

Communists trace world affairs directly to their sources in the economic and class composition of the nations. They do not regard such matters as a hodge-podge of chance, emotion and mystery, as the capitalists do.

Perhaps the broadest forecast that Communists make, and the one most aggravating to the capitalists, is the complete degeneration of the capitalist system, its overthrow by the populations of all countries and the substitution of an orderly, sane, socialized society. This forecast also is not based upon any wild desire, but upon the soberest, most calculating scientific analysis.

Today, in our pages, we raise the terrible spectre of a new world war and point out that the United States cannot hope to keep her skirts clear of it. We point to militant organization of the people as the only means of preventing this war.

We urge skeptical readers to obtain Marxist-Leninist books and attend Marxist classes. It is necessary that you understand exactly on what premises we base our conclusions.

Reactionaries Still a Danger in Mexico; Fight Not Over

CARDENAS LIBERAL BUT NOT LEFT WING; GOVERNMENT IS BEING PUSHED, NOT LEADING

FASCIST FORCES STILL STRONG AND PLOTTING TROUBLE

Since the expulsion of the former dictator Plutarco Calles and his fellow conspirators, there has been a noticeable change in the social and political atmosphere of Mexico. The tension, occasioned by the presence in the country of the four reactionary leaders has lifted to a certain degree.

Bombings and other terrorist acts of which Calles and his cronies were the instigators have ceased. With the expulsion of Morones, reactionary leader of the CROM, (Mexican Labor Federation), the move for complete unification of all Mexican workers has been accelerated.

The CROM in certain parts of the country is dissolving, in others is showing an increasing tendency toward a united front with the Mexican Confederation of Workers. In Mazatlan and the workers of the CROM recently dissolved their organization and entered in mass into the Confederation.

CARDENAS POPULAR

President Cardenas won tremendous popularity through his action in expelling the four traitors.

But in the midst of this rejoicing over the exodus of Calles and his almost universal wave of enthusiastic approval for Cardenas' action in having ordered the expulsions, certain facts must not be lost sight of—facts which are thoroughly appreciated by the progressive leaders of Mexican labor and which should be made known to American workers.

In the first place, the expulsion of Calles, Morones, Ortega and Leon does not mean that the reactionary forces which threaten the present progressive government of Mexico have been defeated. The hydra-headed monster of reaction is many-headed. There remain in Mexico the Calles politicians, the wealthy Catholics, the big landowners, the industrialists, the bankers, the fascists, welded by the conspiratorial genius of Calles into an organized force which is a constant menace to the Cardenas government.

STILL PLOTTING

While in exile, Calles and his fellow traitors will make use of the wealth stolen by them from the Mexican people to carry on a vicious campaign against Cardenas in an effort to encourage military intervention in Mexico by the United States. They will be helped by Hearst and Chandler (both of whom have large interests in Mexico) and by American bankers and industrialists whose profits have been hit by the recent successful strikes of Mexican workers, and who fear more important strikes in the future. Reactionaries both of the United States and of Mexico will do everything possible to overthrow the progressive Cardenas government and to restore the old regime of Calles, under which the workers' right to strike and to organize into unions of their own choosing was ruthlessly suppressed.

The second fact to bear in mind is that President Cardenas is a nationalist, a democrat—not a left-wing leader. A close study of the situation reveals the fact that Cardenas moves to the left only as fast as the Mexican working class, from whom he draws his strength, is capable of pushing him. As an individual he has shown liberal tendencies and, at times, lamentable weakness and vacillation. He should have expelled Calles from the country eight months ago. Instead he permitted the chief enemy of the government and of the Mexican people to remain in the country—a dangerous and typically liberal policy.

FASCIST GROWTH

What was the result? Calles was able to build up a strong sedition movement against the government.

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Mexican Workers Might Take Over Railroad System

MEXICO CITY, May 12. — President Cardenas has stated that he may hand the national railways over to a workers' administration unless some agreement can be reached to avert the strike which is scheduled for May 18th. The statement was reported by Juan Gutierrez, secretary-general of the Railway Workers' Syndicate.

The proposed strike is for wage increases which the present directors of the railway claim they cannot meet.

Gutierrez reports that in an interview with Cardenas he was assured the government would exert no force against the strikers and that he (Cardenas) had considered awaiting the arrival of a crisis to seek a radical solution which might well be that the workers would take over the enterprise, provided they respect the obligations it now has.

In several other enterprises, notably the government printing plants, administration has been turned over to the workers with great improvement in efficiency, wages and conditions.

Through its wealthy supporters, the Calles reaction was able to subvert and obstruct to a certain extent the progress toward complete labor unification, toward distribution of land to the peasants, and toward socialist education. Many peasant leaders, communists, teachers and organizers of the government cultural missions have been killed since the beginning of this year by bands of religious fanatics, incited and armed by the Calles forces.

President Cardenas has not yet dissolved the fascist "Gold Shirts." He still permits to rove among his government officials such as the fascist General Saturnino Cedillo, and the reactionary Gonzales, chief of the Mexico City police. A few weeks ago Gonzales threw his men into an attack upon a demonstration of striking bus drivers—an attack of such ferocity that a bystander, seeing workers clubbed and slugged by the police, remarked: "It looks as if Calles were back in power again."

NOT A COMMUNIST

Declarations of Calles to the contrary, President Cardenas is very far from being a communist. He leads in the direction of a democratic, nationalistic revolution, not a proletarian revolution. But in spite of vacillations Cardenas is performing a great service for the Mexican people.

When the proper time comes, the working class of Mexico will know how to transform the Revolution from a nationalist to a proletarian revolution. Not Cardenas but the workers of Mexico, under their own leaders, will one day tear down Mexican capitalism and build a Socialist Society.

May 17th Chinese Night in Oakland

OAKLAND, Calif., May 15. — Workers of all nationalities will participate in Chinese Night here on Sunday, May 17th at Carpenters' Hall. A dinner of Chinese food, Chinese entertainment and dancing to union music are on the program which will begin at 8 p. m.

The affair is under the auspices of the Chinese Anti-Imperialist Alliance and is being held for the benefit of the Chinese Vanguard, a new Chinese language paper published in the interests of Chinese toilers in America and the unity of all Chinese against Japanese Imperialism.

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Mexican Communist Leader



Hernan Laborde, general secretary of the Communist Party of Mexico, speaking at the Mexican People's Front Congress in Mexico City, February 27, 1936.

New Japanese Cabinet Re-Organizes National Economy on Fascist Basis

IMPERIALIST REGIME INSTALLED FOLLOWING ASSASSINATIONS

The Tokyo ASAHI of March 17th, 1936 states that the Hirota Cabinet [the government appointed by the Emperor to replace the one elected by the people, which was wiped out in blood by the recent military assassinations] plans to nationalize the electric power industry as part of the policy of state control of key industries.

The formation of a press commission attached to the Cabinet and acting as the Government's sole spokesman was approved by the Cabinet on March 24. The plan provides for the amalgamation of all the existing departmental press sections including the Ministries of War, Navy and Foreign Affairs, with strict supervision of all news.

The approval by the Japanese Emperor of Mr. Hirota's cabinet does not reflect in the slightest the recent elections in Japan. The majority party receives no advantage of the minority, and Labor is completely ignored.

MILITARY AUTHORITY

Japanese laws completely exempt the Army and Navy from control by or subjection to the Parliament and the Government. The Ministers of War and the Navy and the heads of the general staff of the Army and Navy have the right to report directly to the Emperor over the head of the Prime Minister. Questions of war and peace under the Japanese constitution are independently decided by the Emperor without participation of Parliament. The heads of the Army and Navy can influence or disrupt the government body by withholding their candidates for the reason that only a general may become a minister of war and only an admiral, minister of the navy. The Army and Navy do not consider themselves bound to any agreements the government may sign with any other countries.

THE BUDGET

Predictions that the Japanese governmental budget for 1937-38 would exceed 2,300,000,000 Yen were freely made in Tokyo March 21. Financial observers agree that while appropriations which will be presented to the extraordinary session of the Diet convening May 1st would not exceed 2,275,000,000 Yen, increases were held to be inevitable next year with the announced policies regarding defense, naval and military expenses are expected to amount to more than one-half the 1937-38 budget. The Ministry of War will ask for a supplementary budget of 225,000,000 Yen in addition to the 20,000,000 Yen provided as a basis in the 1935-36 budget. Taxation on piece goods, sugar, patent medicines, death duties, matches, toilet articles and other consumers' goods are expected to yield hundreds of millions of yen.

New Magazine on Chinese Struggle

SHANGHAI, China, May 9.—A new source of intimate information relating to the activities of the Chinese working class has been made available to British and American readers with the publication in Shanghai of an English language journal, The Voice of China. This new semi-monthly magazine, issued by an American publisher, can be subscribed to by American readers for \$2 per year. It is profusely illustrated and most of the articles are written by Chinese or translated from Chinese sources. Address: The Eastern Publishing Co., 719 Euclid Road, Shanghai, China.

Unity to smash the open-shop drive against organized labor!

America's Neutrality Stand Viewed by the Soviet Union

AIDED ITALIANS IN ETHIOPIA CONQUEST

By Lapinski

(An editorial translated from the Soviet newspaper Pravda, March 22, 1936.)

In August of last year the United States Congress passed a temporary law on neutrality. The effectiveness of this law expired at the end of February of this year. And, in the beginning of January, in agreement with the president, a new law was presented in both the House and the Senate. This law was to have solidly defined the position of the United States in the event of war between other countries. This law broadened the foundations of American neutrality, covering prohibition of commerce with warring countries, even in such decisive, important products as oil, cotton, iron, steel, etc. This prohibition was once and for all to secure the United States from the danger of being drawn into military conflicts not directly concerning it.

As might have been expected, this law had brought about the fiercest debates, and finally it became necessary to abolish it. Both Houses have already adopted a decision to prolong the effectiveness of the present temporary law to May, 1937. Only minor corrections were added to this law. One of these corrections, for instance, prohibits the arrangement of loans to the warring sides except ordinary commercial short term credits. Another correction provides that this law does not cover any of the countries on the American continents, in the event of their conflict with some country outside the American continents.

ISSE STEPPED

Almost simultaneously with the decision adopted by the committee of the American Congress, the League of Nations' committee of experts, studying the question of the possibilities of applying oil sanctions against Italy, has published a long expected report. This report states that Italy possesses much lesser reserves of oil than it was previously supposed to have. These reserves at best could last only 3 to 3½ months.

On the other hand, the primary meaning of the report is that no oil sanction on the part of the members of the League of Nations will have any decisive meaning, unless they are joined in by the United States, which alone can supply Italy with sufficient quantities of oil.

The majority of British conservative newspapers, under the leadership of the Morning Post, already draw the conclusion that with the failure of the passage of this law in the Washington Congress, there can no longer be any question of the application of oil sanctions against Italy. There is no sense, they say, risking new complications with Italy if the United States will be able to continue to supply to Italy all that it needs.

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These arguments of the old opponents of sanctions, headed by the originators of the infamous plan of Hoare-Laval, now undoubtedly acquire new and significant force. Of course these arguments cannot be acknowledged as fully founded. Even the committee of

GIVING WAR THE BIRDIE



Sec.-Treas. Frank Morrison of the American Federation of Labor (right) sending a peace message to George Lansbury, British Pacifist, via carrier pigeon. Hundreds of such pigeons were sent out from Washington to inaugurate the Emergency Peace Campaign.

experts of the League of Nations in its report comes to the conclusion that "even if the application of oil sanctions without the support of the United States would not have any decisive meaning, nevertheless, even the refusal of the countries—members of the League of Nations to supply Italy any special transportation facilities, tankers, and other shipping bottoms, and the prohibition of the sale of such ships to any countries exporting oil to Italy, would make the supply of oil to Italy contingent upon much greater difficulties and greatly enhanced expense."

"MORAL" PRESSURE

Besides that, the former temporary American law on neutrality, even though it did not specifically prohibit the export of oil, cotton, copper, etc., nevertheless gave the administrative forces of the United States certain, even though limited, possibilities of action and influence in this sphere. American authorities even last year placed a kind of "moral" even though not formal embargo upon the export of oil above the peace-time norm. They have attempted to influence the exportation by "persuasion." They have attempted to mobilize public opinion. The Import and Export Bank (a government institution) and the Securities Committee have declared time and again that they will not extend any credit privileges on exports to Italy. The insurance companies have sharply raised their insurance rates upon cargo destined for Mediterranean Seas.

Of course, these measures could have only a partial effect and could not have served as a hindrance to the substantial increase in the export of oil to Italy. Formerly the United States supplied only a little over 6 per cent of the Italian oil needs. Only serious resistance on the part of American public opinion could have increased the effectiveness of such legal measures.

And now after the latest decisions of Congress it is still a moot question whether the American President will continue the use of these moral measures of persuasion.

PROFITS IN VIEW

But the significance of the failure of the passage of the new law goes far beyond the boundaries of the Italy-Abyssinian conflict. Not only that, but the trend of the debates on this law show very conclusively that both Houses have been guided by broader considerations, evidently counting upon the possibility and threat of much greater military conflicts.

The fierce debates develop around this law in both Houses, as well as in the press and many civic organizations, had appeared to the observers to have a very vague and often ridiculous character. They have, for instance, shown a lack of understanding of the opposing political camps. Mixed right in with the debates, there were many peculiar inner political propagandist considerations clearly linked with the rapidly advancing pre-election campaign. All of which not only complicates the situation as far as these events are concerned, but throws a decided shadow upon a clear understanding of the condition in which all countries of the world are tremendously interested. Certain conclusions, nevertheless, may already be drawn.

TWO GROUPS

The failure of the passage of this law may be considered the result of a peculiar "collaboration" between two opposing groups. On one side, the clearly defined Nationalists (followers of complete isolation of the United States) like Senator Borah and especially the California Senator Hiram Johnson, and; on the other side, the so-called "internationalists," among them the "international bankers," who would like to take advantage of any war situation and who fully understand the unreality of any consideration of complete isolation of the United States from the rest of the world.

The first, namely, the extreme "isolationists," are influenced by their nationalism in their insistence upon the so-called "freedom of the seas," namely, the right of commerce with any of the warring sides. "Nobody can dictate to us or force us to give up our sovereign rights."

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The others, namely, the representatives of the international banks and greatest export industries, pursue much more concrete measures and look upon the situation a great deal more realistically. These circles have not forgotten the tremendous profits which they made out of the World War. Of course, they understand that in this respect the situation is a great deal worse today. They know that the European countries no longer have the billions of reserves in American securities, which, in case of war, they could dispose of in the United States in exchange for war supplies.

Besides, not only have the European countries since then become indebted to America, but they have even refused to pay their debts. It would also be more difficult now, after all the trials and tribulations

Student Tortured To Death in China

COMRADES VOW VENGEANCE

PEIPING, China, Mar. 30.—One of the students, Guo-Tzin, recently arrested by police during an anti-Japanese demonstration, died in the local jail as a result of tortures. When the body of the deceased was delivered to police headquarters, 40 students, comrades of Guo-Tzin, appeared as a committee, demanding to be shown the body. They found the entire body covered with unmistakable signs of tortures. All of the students, seeing this tortured body of their comrade, took an oath right on the spot to avenge his death.

The press reports that all over Peiping there is a powerful movement of protest against torturing of students participating in anti-Japanese movements. A series of meetings took place in all the universities. All the university buildings are occupied by heavy police guards.

The press reports that the police raided all of the book stores. Among those confiscated by the police are such books as "King Coal," by Upton Sinclair.

Professor Shan-Chung of Peiping University, recently arrested by police, was released today on bail. Hundreds of active participants in the anti-Japanese movement are still in prisons.

—Pravda, March 30.

of this economic crisis, to mobilize American capital for the financing of European war purchases.

NO MIDDLE GROUND

All this undoubtedly has its significance. Nevertheless, the leaders of finance capital evidently do not consider the situation hopeless for the utilization of any possible war condition for potential profits. They evidently also fully expect that in the event of some important war, the essential interests of American capitalism may force it to actively support one of the warring sides against the other. And finally, they fully appreciate the value of slogans.

The slogan of "freedom of the seas" may, in a given situation, make it easy to inflame the nationalist passions of the masses. While in reality this slogan will serve to cover what is not at all "freedom of the seas." In fact, such freedom could not exist in any world war. America could have commercial intercourse only with the side which would rule the seas, namely, with the Entente countries. And, in fact, in the Senate jurisdiction investigation, Lamont, Morgan's partner, coolly declared that American capitalists, in the event of such wars, would be fully satisfied with the right of commerce "for their own risk."

Undoubtedly Morgan and Company quite definitely figure that such "risk" would be very small if they would confine their commerce to those who would be strongest upon the sea. Morgan and Company want the very realistic right of commerce, while the extreme isolationists and nationalists understand under the slogan of "freedom of the seas" the theoretically absolute right of commerce, namely, the right of commerce with both warring sides.

However, both of these groups, namely, the isolationists and internationalists are striving for the right of commerce, and therefore, both agree upon one thing, under no conditions do they want to prevent in advance freedom of action of the Congress or the President. But as an unavoidable minimum concession to the pacifically inclined masses, they have agreed upon the meaningless prohibition of guns and munition to both warring sides—this nonentity in place of the strict regulation of all other most important questions concerning the regulation of the export of any and all other decisive articles of war supplies. Thus the position of the United States as a whole in relation to the possible world war, still remains one of vagueness—a black spot.

At the decisive moment the Congress and the President will be able to decide in accordance with conditions of that moment.

(To be concluded in next issue.)

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HONORING A FALLEN LEADER



Thousands of workers, led by members of the Soviet Union's Communist Party, marched to the Kremlin walls in Moscow at funeral ceremonies for Fritz Heckert. Heckert, a member of the Comintern's executive committee, died in the U. S. S. R., April 7th.

WPA Opens Statewide Drive To Force Jobless into Agricultural Slavery

MUST WORK FOR \$2 PER DAY OR LOSE WPA JOB IS GOV'T DICTUM

LODI, Calif., May 14.—Advertisements thrown on many lawns here ask for 1500 cherry pickers for this section.

At present hundreds of workers in this locality are unable to get work.

The season opened last week. Warn those on relief to be on their guard.

EAST BAY

OAKLAND, May 14.—On May 4 100 WPA workers were fired and told to get jobs in the pea fields. No investigation was ever made to determine whether these men could make a living in the fields or as to the number of jobs available.

Price per hamper for picking peas this season is 22 cents. The crop, because of heavy rains, is 50 per cent of normal. An expert worker can pick about one hamper in 45 minutes. Because the crop is thin it often takes as long as two hours to pick one hamper.

In many cases workers cannot make enough to buy gasoline to get to and from the fields.

Regular migratory workers passed up Alameda County entirely. Right across the line in Contra Costa County they are paid 32 cents per hamper and there was no difficulty in getting labor without calling upon the WPA.

NO ANSWER

A committee of about 20 from the Hayward local of the Public Works and Unemployed Union called at the local WPA office Tuesday and after a short conference with Mr. Burr was told to return the next day for an answer. Wednesday the men returned and were told nothing could be done.

One WPA investigator reported that "there is a noticeable lack of child labor in the fields this year because WPA workers are refusing to take their children out of school to work."

During this conference it was brought out that orders have been issued from the state WPA office that if a man refuses a job at \$2 per day, regardless of the number of hours he must work, he will be fired off WPA.

REINSTATED

On Friday the committee returned with additional evidence of no more jobs available and the WPA finally was forced to reinstate the workers.

To forestall such action in the future the committee went to San Francisco Saturday and a meeting was held with Mr. Wadsworth who is the right hand man of Frank Y. McLaughlin, state WPA head. Two demands were presented:

1.—That hereafter no worker be fired off WPA and ordered into the agricultural fields unless he is guaranteed the same hourly rate of pay that he received on WPA which is minimum of 46 cents per hour.

2.—That he be guaranteed no less than six hours every day that he is dependent upon this work for his livelihood.

"STARTLED"

Wadsworth was startled at the

demand for what he termed "unreasonably high" wages. He was told that "We feel that as the government has set a rate of \$2.75 for a six-hour day on work relief you can not consistently expect these men to go out into private industry at a less rate. Why should they accept less pay simply for the dubious privilege of making profit for the bosses?"

Wadsworth was asked whether this \$2 per day ruling applied only to agricultural work. He stated it did not and that if a man were offered a job paying \$2 per day or more he would be forced to take it regardless of what kind of work it was or how many hours were required each day to earn that amount.

WOMEN IN FIGHT TO REGAIN JOBS

SACRAMENTO, May 11.—Twelve women, who last week carried their WPA grievances to Governor Frank E. Merriam, will continue the fight to win reinstatement on the sewing project from which they had been fired through discrimination.

There is a possibility a union may be organized to include sewing project workers. Meanwhile the group is asking support from the A. F. of L. and protest from the public at large, addressed to Merriam and to relief officials.

ALL MOTHERS

Unable to receive adjustment at the office of Gene Kenyon, WPA director here, the 12 last week forced the governor to listen. He sidestepped the issue by requesting they put their grievances in letter form and promised an "investigation."

They were fired from WPA they said, because they had received some meager aid from the state. All are mothers and have from one to six dependents. The state aid which they received was so small as to be of little assistance.

Private jobs, which they were asked to take, were also so low paid as to be worthless from a standpoint of earning a living.

Western Worker Needs Auto Gifts

Two automobiles are wanted for use in the Western Worker circulation drive, and in securing better coverage of news.

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WORKERS' OPEN FORUM

WHY PAPER COSTS MORE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Editor, Western Worker:

As we saw in your paper that after May 1st we will have to pay \$1.00 for six months, and being unemployed we cannot afford to pay that much; but we also can not afford to have your paper discontinued. We are sending you \$1.00 so you will get it before May 1st. This way we will be able to receive the paper for six months or more, because my previous six months are not up yet.

We should like to know why the paper costs more in San Francisco than it does in the other parts of the United States?

We have another subscriber for your paper. You will find the money and address in this letter.

Respectfully yours,
Mrs. C. B.

ANSWER: Subscription rates for San Francisco are higher because postage for newspapers is higher for those subscriptions delivered by mail in the city and county where the paper is printed.

Before the Western Worker became an eight-page paper it was possible to carry this higher rate without charging S. F. subscribers anything additional. But the increased costs of the eight-page paper are so great all along the line that the rate simply had to be raised.

"UNBIASED" NEWS PAPERS

San Francisco, Calif.,
April 27, 1936

Editor Western Worker:

Quite a few people in San Francisco who are union conscious, still think that the Chronicle is much less of an enemy of the working class than the Examiner.

For that reason I suggest that the Western Worker issue a leaflet or pamphlet containing examples of recent treachery in the editorials, news stories and so forth in the Chronicle in its underhanded efforts to confuse the people and to stir up hatred for the maritime unions.

What is true of the Chronicle also is true of the News. Enclosed are two recent examples of scabberding by the Chronicle via the want-ad section—one for recruits to the National Guard and one from the Industrial Association calling for carpenters, plasterers, plumbers, etc.

Fraternally Yours
J. J.

TOO MANY PAPERS TOO LITTLE INCOME

Taos, New Mex.
Editors, Western Worker:

I am already a library for workers' literature, but it always takes more money to afford more. I subscribe, and read, and give. Daily Worker, New Masses, Fight, New Theatre, Soviet Russia Today, Moscow News, Pacific Weekly. And since I have had Dr. Ingvaldsen lecture here on Russia before our forum, which was very good, and had them stay in my home, Mrs. Ingvaldsen presented me with a year's subscription to Ameringer's American Guardian, to show me that others besides Communists were doing something

too. It is not to avoid helping more, but being only an artist, I must admit that my income today looks like the New Deal promised to the workers, which you must admit was handed to them with the old deal.

I wish you every success, but I must tell you that I'm lost when the Daily Worker, including the Sunday Worker, does not arrive punctually, and that means daily. So you see that I could not only change a full week for only Tuesdays and Fridays.

Fraternally,
W. U.

A CORRESPONDENT

Pasadena, Calif.,
May 10, 1936

Editor Western Worker:

I have been delinquent in sending reports but now you shall have many for our eight-page paper.

I am in the field here practically alone but I can't wait for help. With the men and women I know, our first objective is the Farmer-Labor Party.

Cordially yours,
I. F.

MAY DAY GREETINGS TO THE C. S. PRISONERS

To my dear friends,
Hal, Martin, Jack and Al,
Caroline, Nora and Lauren;
To you will always
Be the same
Comrades good and true,
Offtimes we think
That others might see
The way to liberty,
Together the workers must stand
All over this fair land;
And in united front we will fight
For everything that is true and right.
Until the workers of the world
Unite.
MIKE KEARNEY

San Mateo Jobless Win Prevailing Pay On County Projects

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., May 11.—The Public Works and Unemployed Union of San Mateo County recently won its demand that the prevailing wage be paid on all projects sponsored by the county.

The demand was first made before the board of supervisors on April 13 and later was endorsed by the Central Labor Council of San Mateo.

The committee appeared before the board and succeeded in winning the point despite the vicious opposition of County Engineer U. S. Marshall.

Supervisor High was absent. Supervisors Witt, Poole and Francis voted for the prevailing wage while Beer voted against it. Several citizens, not members of the PWUU spoke in favor of the proposition.

4000 Twin Cities Gas Station Workers Out

MINNEAPOLIS.—A strike of 4000 workers in bulk and service stations in this city and St. Paul has tied up distribution of gasoline and lubricating oils. Oil company executives have tried to make the workers accept the status of "small businessmen"—working as many as 70 hours a week for commissions on sales. The service station workers demand stipulated hours and wages.

Labor Council Aids Bay Cannery Union

MAP ORGANIZING CAMPAIGN

OAKLAND, May 11.—With the financial and moral backing of the Alameda Central Labor Council, the Cannery Workers' Union is opening a gigantic organizational drive here.

The union, with federal American Federation of Labor charter No. 20099 was organized first last fall. During the winter months members have built and strengthened the organization.

At the peak of the season approximately 15,000 workers are employed in the canning industry in Alameda County. With the exception of the workers in the fields, the cannery group are paid lowest wages in the state. At the same time hours of work run from one or two to 12 or 14, according to how the fruit comes in. This applies to women as well as to men.

HARD WORK, NO PAY

Speed-up is terrific. Most of the women are employed on a piece-work basis and pay per piece (or box) is so small they must work at top speed the whole day in order to earn their small wage.

Last year the cannery owners in the Cannery's Association made a gross profit of \$800,000,000. Yet the excuse given for the low wage level is that the industry cannot afford a higher.

The California canning industry is the largest of its kind in the world and its products are shipped to all parts of the globe. With the prestige that has been built up for California products the cannery owners easily could pay a much higher wage and still reap a handsome profit.

FLA. KLAN, COPS, GROWERS UNITE

BARTOW, Fla.—(FP)—Wealthy citrus fruit growers and Florida business groups, acting together with the Ku Klux Klan and the police, are willing to put any militant labor organizer on the spot.

That is the main theme of the testimony produced by the prosecution as it drew close to the end of its three-weeks' presentation of evidence against seven former Tampa cops on trial in Bartow's court house for the kidnaping of E. J. Poulnot, Modern Democrat leader, last November. Direct evidence, statements between the lines and out-of-court gossip have left little doubt that members of the Tampa police department aided the bosses in removing labor leaders whom they deemed troublesome.

Further evidence of the reign of terror in the state is indicated by a quotation from an unnamed fruit grower reported by Junius Wood in a copyrighted article by North American Newspaper Alliance, published in The New York Times.

"Citrus growing is a \$100,000,000 industry in Florida and, as it cannot afford to pay higher wages, labor organizers must be discouraged," the grower is quoted as saying. "It would be undignified for members of the organization to do it, and outsiders are used," he continued, explaining that he himself had helped send a dozen such "disturbers" to death in the abandoned and water-filled phosphate mines and swamps of the state.

Meanwhile testimony at the trial of the seven policemen indicted for the kidnaping of Poulnot had identified all the defendants, showed police collusion in the beating and flagging of the trio and the death of Joseph Shoemaker, indicated that a city employee acted as a stool pigeon in the Modern Democrat organization and that the raid on the Modern Democrat meeting Nov. 30 was illegal because no search warrant had been issued.

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LABOR NEWS—A LA HEARST

40,000 Auto Workers Quit Labor Federation; Green's Appointee Out as President Auto Workers' Allegiance to A. F. of L. Pledged; Union Made Independent Affiliate

Delegates to the convention of the United Automobile Workers of America, meeting at South Bend, Ind., gaped in amazement when shown copies of the Hearst-owned Chicago Herald-Examiner. The headline at the top was changed the following day to have just the opposite meaning. But the auto workers already had voted to boycott Hearst.

Canadian Unemployed Losing Faith In Gov't Pledges of Near Prosperity

OTTAWA, Canada.—(FP)—The Canadian unemployed hoped for a New Deal when the liberal Mackenzie King government succeeded the conservative Bennett government. But the new work relief program will employ even fewer men than that of the Bennett government, and reduction of relief doles is being discussed.

Government spokesmen tell the jobless that prosperity is just around the corner because of the reciprocity treaty with the United States, but retail sales are several per cent less than a year ago. The finance minister has raised the sales tax from 6 per cent to 8 per cent.

From another quarter—Prof. N. Mc L. Rogers, minister of labor—comes the computation that it would cost \$400,000,000 a year to provide work for Canada's unemployed. He adds: "We can't afford that without adopting, with all its implications, the philosophy of socialism."

Rogers sees in the increased export of wheat the solution of Canadian unemployment. However, the consumption of wheat (a low-cost food) is now at a peak in non-Russian Europe. Given more purchasing power, people would consume less wheat and more higher-priced foods.

HUNGRY MEN ON THE MARCH FOR RIGHT TO EXIST

NEW YORK.—(FP)—The march of hungry men, struggling for the right to live, resounded at various points throughout the nation as a warning to old-line politicians trying to push fake "economy programs" at the expense of the needy unemployed.

At Harrisburg, hundreds of hunger marchers, converging on the state capital, found the doors of the House and Senate locked and adorned with signs reading: "Closed for repairs as the legislature prepared to discuss the relief crisis, unemployed delegates won the right to quarters in the state building."

At St. Louis, 100 members of the American Workers' Union started a day-and-night occupation of the intake hall at the central relief station. They are demanding that the board of aldermen appropriate bond funds at the rate of \$500,000 a month and that bankers be removed from the relief committee. About 14,000 persons were recently cut off relief.

At Detroit, single unemployed won the right to relief in their own homes, and families gained a promise of clothing and minimum rents. Cripples seeking relief jobs camped on WPA Administrator Hopkins' door step at Washington and finally gained the right to a conference.

WPA Fires Fifteen From Pasadena Job

REFUSED RELIEF FOR 30 DAYS

PASADENA, Cal.—Fifteen men, fired recently from WPA here, reported to the relief department seeking aid and were told to look for private industry employment and to come back in 30 days if they found nothing.

They were refused relief. The 15 were dismissed under the guise of being "physically unfit" but most of them had been good workers. The doctor gave them only a haphazard examination and while he was doing so the head boss whispered to him that he would "like 15 more men."

They had delivered excellent work on PWA, SRA and WPA and some were really first class men, physically fit and not of the so-called "unemployable" group.

ANTI-UNION PLANS

They were fired regardless of the fact that the project already was short of workers.

The firing was part of a plan, most workers believe, to smash the Public Works and Unemployed Union here and to keep it from organizing the workers on the WPA jobs.

The remaining men on this particular project are ready to unite and form a union to guard against future attacks.

Relief and WPA officials are planning to use the command from Washington to dismiss 700,000 WPA workers as a wedge in their attempts to smash the unemployed organizations.

Unemployed Union Fights San Diego Relief "Deporting"

SAN DIEGO, Cal.—The Unemployed Workers Protective Union is fighting to protect Albert Herrera whom the relief authorities here are attempting to "ship" to Los Angeles.

Herrera was born here and has lived here all his life, with the exception of one year in Los Angeles. His wife and child also live here.

The authorities claim that Los Angeles is his legal residence because he gave his mother's temporary address when he joined the Navy in 1927.

The unemployed Union held a mass meeting May 4 at Woodbine Hall here. Paul Richie, state assemblyman, spoke on the Criminal Syndicalism Law and the need for its repeal. Other speakers included Frank Rood, a member of the Washington Unemployed March last month, and Earl de Freyne, French writer.

Support the peace policy of the Soviet Union! Defend the Soviet Union—the land of Socialism!

ARREST FAILS TO HALT AGENT

EVERETT, Wash.— Clarence Leigh, Western Worker salesman, and his two children, Bernie, 7, and Violet Mae, 9, were picked up by local police while Leigh was selling the May Day edition of the Western Worker near the Roxie Theatre.

At the police station Leigh was informed someone had complained he was "causing a disturbance" by shouting the headline, "War is a racket," says General Butler.

Leigh protested vigorously and was released, with his children and his papers and promptly returned to the job selling his papers. Several Everett workers, learning of his arrest, came by to ask how he was. "I had a good crowd and sold my papers pretty fast," said Leigh.

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Seeing RED

By Michael Quin

I. Free Love.

Whenever anyone tells you they don't approve of Communism because Communists believe in "free love," the shortest answer to give them is that we certainly don't believe in paid love.

The Hearst press and numerous other spokesmen who have million dollar reasons for not wanting to see the country socialized, have popularized the insane notion that the people of Soviet Russia play musical chairs with their marital beds. In spite of the fantastic impossibility of such a nightmare, they have managed to convince a surprising number of people.

A couple of years ago when Upton Sinclair was running for governor on the EPIC platform, the capitalist papers published cartoons of him with a sparkling bomb in one hand and a book labeled "Free Love" in the other. Sinclair, of course, is no Communist and this merely illustrates how little integrity there is to the slanders circulated about Communist immorality.

Let us examine the actual facts of what Communists believe and advocate regarding the relations between the sexes.

In the first place, Communists believe in marriage. Lenin was married. Stalin was married. Marx was married. Engels was married. Litvinov was married. Trotsky was married. Our own Earl Browder is married.

No sane person believes that a man or woman should be irrevocably bound to an incompatible mate. Therefore, Communists believe in divorce. About the only difference between divorce in the Soviet Union and divorce in America is that in the Soviet Union neither party has to pay toll to a shyster lawyer to arrange the separation. Furthermore, the woman cannot hold the man up for alimony unless there are children involved.

In the United States, if a man deserts his wife and there are children, it is usually just tough luck for the children. The wife can hail him into court, if she has the money to fight the case. If the man hasn't any money, there isn't anything she can do.

In the Soviet Union, the man is required to contribute his share to the support of the children without any expensive legal red tape. If the man is unemployed, the state has to pay him unemployment insurance out of which he can pay his alimony. If the man has disappeared, then the state has to supply the mother with money to look after the children. Every means is taken to see that no child suffers from the frivolity of its parents or for any other cause.

In the United States, if the couple were not legally married, then the mother has no claim whatsoever on the father.

In the Soviet Union, there is no such thing as an illegitimate child. A child is a child and that's that. The man is equally bound to contribute to its support. As far as the state is concerned, it is the same as if he were married.

In the United States there are hectic public controversies on whether or not birth control should be established and charges of immorality are leveled at all nations which practice it, including the Soviet Union. At the same time, practically everyone in the country is exercising birth control in one manner or another. For example, you yourself practice it.

Furthermore, they practice it with a different reason. In America literally millions of people are terrified by the thought of having children. Either they do not have the money or the resultant responsibility will prevent them from continuing their careers.

In the Soviet Union, the medical care required is supplied by the state. If the mother is working, she gets two months' vacation with pay before the birth and two months after. Day nurseries are provided to take the main burden off the mother so that she can continue her work or studies. If she would rather stay home and look after the child all day, that is her business. She can take her choice. Education is assured by the state. When the child grows up and goes to school, he gets his own salary, just like any other member of society.

It is plain from this that the relations between sexes in the Soviet Union are exactly as they would have to be in a sensible society. If you prefer the madhouse of prostitution, child hunger, venereal diseases, sex starvation, fear of pregnancy, unwanted babies, sex crimes, fan dancers and peeping Toms, which comprises capitalist human relations, then you've got what you want.

But if you want a decent, sensible society, you can get it by joining the Communist Party and working to achieve it.

FASCISM AT OUR FINGER TIPS

Universal Fingerprinting Means Blacklist, Police Passports, And Anti-Labor Frameups

By Ron Hilyer

Under the guise of crime prevention and the protection of amnesia victims the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion are commencing a nation-wide drive to put the entire population under complete and constant police surveillance.

The present "voluntary" fingerprinting drive initiated in California and the Bay Region in particular is admittedly but a prelude to an attempt to legislate compulsory fingerprinting and a system of universal police passports. This latest maneuver of these anti-labor organizations is the most clever and subtle device that has as yet been developed in their drive against the growing militancy of unemployed and working class groups.

Universal fingerprinting is a part of the "Americanism Program" of the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce. Their "Americanism Committee" has published one of the most frankly fascist programs proposed in the United States. It advocates a dozen, or more, planks for state and federal legislation unequalled in their reactionary character.

CONCENTRATION CAMPS

Listed as one of the proposals is the suggestion "that a law should be passed under the terms of which an individual convicted of revolutionary activities, should be incarcerated, and continually held in concentration camp." They further advocate that a law should be passed "to punish any individual, whether alien or native citizen, who helps to finance syndicalist activities, or in any other way gives aid, comfort, and assistance to those engaged in plans to overthrow our government." While not specifically stating such, it is evident by many passages that the authors of these proposals consider the leading of any strike as an insurrectionary act.

Still fresh in the memory of the participants in the 1934 Maritime Strike is the record of the American Legion as number one strike-breaker through the recruiting of scabs and the organization of vigilante terrorists. These two organizations representing the most reactionary employer groups are now financing the ballyhoo with which they are herding the population into the line-ups before the fingerprint stations. It is these same employers who have insisted that their employees be fingerprinted on the threat of dismissal. Through the Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion they have suddenly taken an interest in lost children and the victims of amnesia.

FINGERPRINT STRIKERS

There exist many incidents which indicate the scope and nature of the campaign for universal fingerprinting. At the present time there is a bill before the New York State Legislature which proposes that all workers arrested for picketing or strike activity should be fingerprinted.

The Berkeley Gazette in a recent editorial exposed the fact that compulsory fingerprinting is the goal when it said that Berkeley is leading in the movement to make fingerprinting as essential a requirement of citizenship as registering is a requirement to vote, and expressed the conviction that "fingerprinting should accompany registration for the right of suffrage."

At the beginning of the anti-labor, anti-union drive of 1922 the United States Chamber of Com-

merce spokesmen urged universal fingerprinting as a method to eliminate "agitators" from the ranks of industrial workers. A representative of the United States Junior Chamber, Robert Foulke, made an appeal at Columbus, Ohio, in June, 1935 and again in October of the same year in Fresno, in which he declared, "We have here a solution to many of the economic, social, and political problems confronting the nation. The opportunity is ours to assist in the solution of these problems and I trust we will not fail in exerting every effort toward their solution. This we can do by universal registration and fingerprinting."

AGAINST LEFT-WINGERS

Beyond a doubt it is the object of the United States Chamber of Commerce to abolish relief and unemployed organizations, to smash all left-wing political parties, and to replace labor unions with the U. S. Department of Labor. To squelch the new militancy of the unemployed and organized labor they realize that they must have every weapon which they can command. They have looked to Hitler for methods and have adopted in a more subtle way one of Der Fuehrer's most effective methods of registration.

The most obvious danger of the fingerprint campaign is the use of fingerprints to blacklist union men and women for organizational or strike activity, and to blacklist all those who participate in political activity which is not to the liking of the employers. Not so obvious but just as vicious is the use of fingerprinting to destroy the secret ballot. A post election check of ballots for fingerprints would give the political group in power a list of the dissenting voters. Such a method could make possible an American duplication of the 99-44-100 per cent majority of the German National Socialist Party.

August Vollmer, the master sleuth of Berkeley, admitted some years ago in the columns of the San Francisco Chronicle that fingerprints could be planted. The occasion for the statement was a practical joke in which his own prints had been planted at the scene of a crime. His only assurance was that only a few people knew of the process and they were "trusted" police officials.

Any individual can satisfy himself on the ease with which fingerprints can be forged by reading "Fingerprints Can Be Forged," by Wehr and Beffel. (Copy in Berkeley city library mysteriously disappeared). Mooney cases can be framed by the dozen should the necessity arise to crush the union labor movement.

OPPOSE DRIVE

The Building Trades Council and the Central Labor Council of Alameda County have each passed resolutions condemning the drive. That leading liberals are aware of the danger of this move towards fascism is reflected in the statements of Dr. George S. Counts and Dr. Charles A. Beard. Dr. Counts, the sociologist and educator of Columbia University states, "This movement should be resisted by

Soviet Union Navy Appearing in Film

The management of the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand ave., Los Angeles, today announced the booking of "We Are From Kronstadt," the new Russian film which will open its Western premiere engagement Friday, May 22nd.

Considered by film observers to be the greatest motion picture ever produced in Soviet Russia, "We Are From Kronstadt," is said to be a perfect example of Soviet filmmaking at its very best, surpassing even "Chapayev" and "Three Women" in the magnitude of its production and the epic qualities of its dramatic story.

Not since the memorable "Potemkin" has there been a Soviet film with a naval background that compares to this newest production which utilizes the combined fleets of Soviet warcraft from the Baltic and Black Seas.

Bldg. Council Hits Industrial Assn.

SAN FRANCISCO.—The San Francisco Building Trades Council has challenged the right of the Industrial Association here to set up a new "impartial" wage board for fixing building workers' wage scales. James E. Rickerts, business representative of the Council, stated at a meeting last Wednesday night that "28 building trades unions already have collective bargaining agreements with employers, and the so-called impartial wage board will mean nothing to them."

A resolution not to deal with any such group as the Industrial Association's board was adopted.

SAYS GRAFT IN RELIEF MEALS

LOS ANGELES, May 7.—The board of supervisors today requested the district attorney to investigate the alleged grafting by local restaurant owners who give relief workers on relief.

H. A. Payne, county auditor, informed the supervisors that he had information concerning several restaurant owners who have been grafting on their contracts by charging the county for meals that relief workers never received. The bureau of Efficiency is said to be working on a plan to set up kitchens, operated by the county, to feed the single workers now eating at the privately owned restaurants.

A jury investigation last November of a local restaurant owner on suspicion of graft was dropped due to lack of evidence.

every person or organization interested in preserving our democracy. Fingerprinting is a wholly unwarranted invasion of the personal rights of our citizens. Its object, I am convinced, is not the control of crime, but rather the regimentation and coercion of labor leaders."

Dr. Charles A. Beard, America's leading historian, has stated that, "Fingerprinting citizens who have committed no offense is an indecent offense against personal liberty."

Fascism has forsaken the white horse in America. Fingerprints and photographs on universal passports can lay the basis for a police and vigilante terrorism with which the industrial dictators can crush the people of the United States into the iron vice of a fascist dictatorship.

DIARY OF A CLASS CONSCIOUS SEAMAN

By LeMae

Bad as the sailors' quarters are, by comparison with the hole in which nine firemen and three watertenders are forced to live, the deck crew have a first class stateroom.

One deck below the sailors' foot-cle the firemen have a narrow, steel, box-like room with only one porthole. Under way the port has to be dogged down tight or else the room will be flooded. The only air obtained is through a forced draft ventilator. And it is exactly that—a draft upon the sweaty backs of men just up from the hot firerooms.

Situated over the boilers, the room becomes unbearable when the ship reaches the latitudes near Manila.

The condition of this miserable quarter reflects the inertia of the Union aboard this particular ship. Chief reason for this, without question, is the fact that petty officers control the policies of the black gang. Sad, but true, their policy is one which certainly is not in keeping with the spirit of the Maritime Federation.

I've already run up against quite a bit of animosity directed at the sailors by the individual members of the engine room crew. Such remarks as: "Damn radical sailors. Their Union's full of Communists. Always tying up the ship. They want everything."

Firemen, like sailors, invariably make one or two trips and then get off. Knowing this full well, certain petty officers on board are very successfully curbing any militant action (so far) on the part of the firemen to improve conditions for the next gang before they get off.

The election of a new delegate for the black gang was a piece of work worthy of any faker-controlled union. Before the entire gang arrived for the meeting, the third electrician had been named a delegate.

And that meeting was called only after a new member of the crew had insisted that it be held. The suggestion of a joint meeting with the sailors, made by one of the wipers, was given a very cold reception.

Not a mention was made of the poor quarters—nor of the equally poor food. Yet, as the meeting broke up, more than one protest was heard about the conditions.

There's a lot of work to be done this trip. A good many of the black gang are old time sailors. Bodies crippled after years of tough sailings and bum grub, the warm engine room and fire-room offer them a few more years in which to futilely fight for an existence. And then—

Sunday, a race riot in the foot-cle was so narrowly averted I still shake. If it had broken out, the entire blame would have been placed upon the skipper of this ship.

We all clipped in to buy some beer from the ship's stores and held a bull session known as a "Tarpaulin muster" quite a bit of money was raised. I was more than a little surprised when three of the fellows, aided by the mess-boys, returned with five cases of beer.

"Do you mean to tell me the old man will let us buy all this beer?" I asked.

"Sure, he probably gets a cut out of it," Goldberg answered.

"Hey, delegate," Chichibu shouted, "You be bartender son-o-a-bitch!"

We drew the benches up in a square and turned to on the beer. Kanulau and two other Hawaiian boys broke out their guitars.

Everyone was called upon to

either sing or do a dance. King Kong stole the honors when he did some very fine tap dancing despite his bulky size. Our young Communist Leaguer proved to be a good mixer when he joined in and contributed his share to the fun.

The delegate did a dance. The last bottle of beer was being opened when it happened. One of the kids, Blair, a blonde-headed former boy from Nebraska, broke out a pipe and, with a very salty air proceeded to light it. We razed him good naturally. One of the Hawaiian boys gave the pipe a push.

Blair flared up and doubled a fist. He is a pretty husky chap. The Hawaiian boy, now weakling by any means, gave the kid a shove. "What's the matter. What are you getting tough for? Can't you take it?"

I leaped to break it up. As I did, Blair let go a smashing left which caught the Kanaka square on the nose. Blood spurted out instantly. About four of the fellows lunged onto Kanaka. All of them were white boys. The rest of the Hawaiians (there were about seven altogether) gazed rather puzzled at Kanaka's bloody nose.

"Come on—all Honolulu boys—we stick together!" Kanaka shouted in a drunken hysteria.

Blair, the darn fool, stood his ground. "For C— sake, kid beat it!" I pleaded with him.

"I'm no coward. I ain't gonna run," he answered thickly.

Some of the fellows rushed the Kanaka to the wash room. A bloody trail marked the way.

"Get up on deck," I argued with Blair. "You're not a coward—but there will be real trouble soon if you don't get."

"Come on, Chichibu, Kanulau—all you Hawaiian boys—you with me!" Kanaka shouted down the passageway as he broke away from those who were trying to stop his nose-bleed.

Blair darted down the passageway out of sight, just as Kanaka came up bellowing, "Where is that—"

"He beat it, Kanaka. The kid is scared," one of the other Hawaiian boys broke in. "He didn't know what he was doing."

Although Kanaka roamed all over the ship that night looking for the kid, with no success, I heaved a deep sigh of relief. Now it is just a personal beef. But for a while it looked bad.

I hope the company doesn't miss this copy of the Western Worker. Maybe it will put a stop to this selling beer in unlimited quantities to the crew.

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The People's Health

By FRANKLIN E. BISSELL, M.D.

DOCTORS ORGANIZE

For the past six or eight months, a group of doctors, dentists and nurses have been functioning as the "Medical Arts Association" within the Inter-Professional Association. The group was largely educational and gave promise of becoming a very useful organization for its members. Unfortunately, the group has more or less broken up, possibly because its more active members have ceased to function.

The Berkeley chapter of the I. P. A. is planning to hold a conference of progressive members of the medical and allied professions in the East Bay for the purpose of drawing up a program which will draw such professionals into the I. P. A. The intention is to form an organization similar to the above group, except with a more definite program.

In my opinion such a program should include as its main points the following:

1. Payment of physicians and dentists at full rates in the county clinics and hospitals.
2. Freedom of choice of doctors-by patients in the county institutions. Any member of one of the scientifically recognized professions should be placed on the staff whenever there is a demand for his services among clinic patients.
3. All assistance to doctors in the clinics furnished by the county. At present some of the doctors are forced to hire their own nurses.
4. Retention of the full SRA panel system until such time as the clinics pay the doctors and an offer as good service.
5. Abolition of the sea of unnecessary red-tape surrounding the SRA panel.
6. Increase of fees for office and home visits in the SRA panel to minimum rates. At present they are about one-half minimum rates.
7. Special fees for specialists' work and full fees for office and hospital surgery.
8. No restrictions as to race, color, religious, or political creed on membership in the existing professional organizations.
9. Organize the unorganized into existing professional organizations that are not of the "company-union" type.
10. Establishment of warm bonds of solidarity between the various existing professional organizations, working toward their unity of action on issues of mutual interest.
11. Establishment of the same sort of unity of action between professional organizations and lay organizations which are interested in the same sort of program. Such may be, for example, the unemployed unions.

I am not familiar enough with the problems of the nurses and other allied professions to suggest a program for them. Such points should be included, however.

WHAT ARE YOU READING?

UNEMPLOYED

The Roosevelt "New Deal" Administration is playing the game with marked cards. At last it has come out into the open regarding its plans for the unemployed. These plans comprise—not more food and clothing and other necessities of life—but slow starvation.

You ought to know, and you ought to be able to tell others, what sort of progressive social legislation has been passed before Congress this year. *Relief and Work Standards*, with an introduction by Herbert Benjamin, price 5 cents, contains a reprint of Representative Marcantonio's Relief and Work Projects Standards Bill, known as H. R. 11186.

Just out, too, is a printing of H. R. 9680. This is the bill introduced into the House of Representatives by Senator Frazier, to provide "for the establishment of a nation-wide system of social insurance." It was introduced by Senator Frazier into the Senate. In other words, here is a copy of the Frazier-Lundeen Bill about which you've heard lots and will hear lots more.

SOVIET UNION

What happened to our friend Mister Hearst's harrowing famine stories (with pictures)? Truth is they were killed by too much food. *Toward a Land of Plenty*, by A. I. Mikoyan, price 10 cents and (worth it) tells you how Socialism solves the food problem. Mikoyan is People's Commissar of Food Industry in the U. S. S. R. and he tells you about the production of sugar, canned goods, meat and sausage, butter and cheese—and ice cream. He compares production of food under Socialist with that under capitalism. This pamphlet will be on sale in all book-shops very soon.



HOLLYWOOD
NOTES

Merle Oberon is suing David Selznick for \$125,333.33 for having given Marlene Dietrich the part she was supposed to have in Garden of Allah.

Eddie Cantor is reported getting \$7,000 a broadcast for the series he will do on the air for Texaco next year. This is the record price for a long-term engagement.

First Federal Theatre Project production to awaken interest of Hollywood is *Chalk Dust*, a play about high school life produced in New York. Columbia and Universal are understood to be dickering for screen rights.

David Lamson is adapting for the screen his novel *We Who Are About To Die*, which he wrote in the death house at San Quentin. Preston Foster will play the lead.

Chinese actors and extras in Hollywood find themselves much in demand with studios casting for three Chinese pictures. *The Good Earth*, *The Lost Horizon*, and *The General Died at Dawn*. Script for the *General Died at Dawn* was written by Clifford Odets.

Joseph P. Kennedy, who is rumored as next secretary of the treasury if Roosevelt is re-elected has been offered the presidency of Paramount under a new set-up.

Howard Hughes is planning a talking remake of his famous silent hit, *Two Arabian Knights*, with Jimmy Cagney and Wallace Beery in the roles originally played by William Boyd and Louis Wolheim.

Winfield Sheehan, onetime head of Fox, was host of the Los Angeles press at the \$20-a-plate dinner given for Prince Loewenstein, German Catholic anti-Nazi.

A. Woods has brought Censored by Conrad Soller, a Hollywood Federal Theatre project production, for showing on Broadway next season.

The play *George Bernard Shaw* wrote on his recent world cruise is titled *Geneva*.

Paul Robinson is slated to do a film in London called *Black Majesty*, an adaptation of the famous book of that title.

Irwin Shaw's anti-war play *Barry the Dead*, will open in Hollywood in the last week of May. The cast, made up mostly of big movie names, will be definitely announced shortly.

THE FILM GUIDE
AMATEUR GENTLEMEN—Silly. A waste of time and money. Pass it up.

CAPTAIN JANUARY—Shirley Temple is given every opportunity to show how cute she can be. Depends whether you like this sort of thing.

UNDER TWO FLAGS—Has a good cast, but is nothing to rave over. If you miss it, you miss nothing.

THE GHOST GOES WEST—Director Rene Clair, great satirist, turns his eye on the spectacle of American Millionaires and their hobbies. Worth seeing.

RECOMMENDED
MODERN TIMES, Charlie Chaplin's latest.

THE STORY OF LOUIS PASTEUR, starring Paul Muni. THESE THREE, with Miriam Hopkins, Merle Oberon and Bonita Granville.

THE MILKY WAY, with Harold Lloyd.

MR. DEEDS GOES TO TOWN, exceptionally good. Don't miss it.

THE COUNTRY DOCTOR, fine performance by Jean Herscholt.

THE BOHEMIAN GIRL, with Laurel and Hardy. Good comedy.

MUTINY ON THE BOUNTY, good sea picture.

Labor Council Eager To Know Who Backs Stanford Lab. Dept.

SAN FRANCISCO—The meeting of the San Francisco Central Labor Council last Friday unanimously passed a resolution introduced by George Kidwell of the Bakery Wagon Drivers, to ask the administration of Stanford University what the motives and purposes of its newly created Industrial Relations Department are to be, and what the source of financial support for the Department are.

THE VICTIMS OF INTERNATIONAL GREED



Right—A posed picture of Italian troops enthusiastically embarking for the Ethiopian war front. Left—The army of Haile Sellasie, losers of one of the most heroic defense wars in history.

Victory or defeat in capitalist wars are matters for Wall Street to gloat over. To

the rank and file soldiers, all such wars end in defeat. Ethiopian and Italian soldiers alike were victims of the international greed of capitalism. America played her part in the murder by supplying Italy with the materials of war.

New Russian Film
On Screen in S.F.

Declared by film observers to be a fine example of motion picture technique in every department, and the finest by far to come from a Russian studio, "Three Women" will come to the Clay International Theatre for a limited matinee May 16th. This is the picture which was so enthusiastically received in New York where it had



JEIMO

a long run and it repeated that success in every city where it has been viewed.

"Three Women" is said to mark the beginning of a new era in Soviet film production. Human, tender in story, tinged with romance and possessing a wide appeal, the story focuses upon the lives of three girls who grew up in hopeless poverty and squalor in pre-war Petrograd's tenement district. It shows them, not as cogs without identity in a social machine, but as individual humans with individual problems.

Boris Babochkin, star of "Chapayev," H. Povlasky, of "Peasants" Miss Jeimo known for her work in "Song of Happiness" and Boris Chirkov who was acclaimed in "Youth of Maxim" will be in the leading roles. L. Arnshtam directed and Dmitri Shostakovich arranged the fine musical setting. English titles translate the Russian dialogue.

"Happy Youth" a new Soviet featurette will also be on the program, together with a news reel to fill out the program.

Looking for Trouble

NEW YORK CITY.—In a new anti-union move against the building maintenance workers, who recently struck over 50,000 strong, Walter Gordon Merritt, counsel for the Realty Advisory Board advised 200 building owners that the arbitration award recently made by Arbitrator Silco need not be accepted. The award granted small monthly increases.

Women on the March
CONDUCTED BY MARJORIE CRANE

Dear Mom:

I didn't send you any flowers, or candy, or a purse or a lace collar, on Mother's Day, as we have both agreed that that is a lot of hokey. We both know that Mother's Day is played up in the capitalist press when the advertisers want to sell more stuff to the readers, but that mothers in the textile mills, in the packing houses, in the cotton fields, are mercilessly exploited the year round without a peep out of the capitalist press. And we did not want to be parties to such hypocrisy.

However, whenever Mother's Day comes around, I have the same sneaking impulse each time to do something foolish in your honor. I sympathize with the spirit that moves all the American masses on Mother's Day, even though that spirit is mocked and exploited by the high class racketeers that run this country. I'd like to send you a bouquet of pinks or a posie of daisies or a lace handkerchief, the quarter it would cost comes hard enough to both of us, and might better be spent for a half pound of butter.

But how else can I give voice on this appropriate occasion to that fact that I think you are the berries? Isn't it right and proper that at this time I should let the world know I elect you as a fitting member of the future Socialist Society—independent, yet social minded; intelligent, careful, humorous, and devoted; energetic; gaily self-sacrificing? That I know you as one of the great mass of people who are victims of capitalism because they are too damn decent to get ahead in a cut-throat world? Surely you are worth a hair-ribbon!

But a couple of smart sisters in another city have solved my problem for me. They wrote a letter to the Daily Worker, proposing to turn Mother's Day into Mother's Peace Day. In fact they have put over a peace day demonstration on Mother's Day in their city. The Woman's Column that published their letter thought it was a good idea, and I think it's a swell idea.

Therefore, Mom, I pledge you, for Mother's Day, as my Mother's Day greeting to you, to take active part in the Peace movement in the coming year. I pledge in your name to bring at least one new member into the American League Against War and Fascism. I pledge in your name to acquaint at least ten other mothers with the movement in which they can take part to help prevent war and destroy fascism.

And I pledge to work for a big Mother's Peace Day demonstration when next Mother's Day comes around.

Your Loving Daughter,
Marjorie

Old Guards May Go
Out of Socialist
Party, Head Says

NEW YORK CITY.—Unless the coming national convention of the Socialist Party, to be held in Cleveland, grants the New York Old Guard wing of the Party its demands for control of the Party, the prediction of Louis Waldman, an Old Guard leader, Recent primary results in New York state balloting showed that the Militant wing has a large majority of enrolled Socialists behind it.

HOW WIND BLOWS
David Dubinsky, leader of the International Ladies Garment Workers' Union, and a leading Socialist Party member, a few weeks ago showed which way the wind blows insofar as the Old Guard is concerned, when he resigned from the Socialist Party in order to join up with the pro-Roosevelt "Labor NonPartisan League." He received praise for his move from the organ of the Old Guards, the New Leader.

C. P. FOR UNITED FRONT
The Communist Party has repeatedly urged the Socialist Party to join with it in a United Front of all progressive elements, for labor's immediate demands and against war and fascist tendencies. The Militants have made United Fronts with the Communist Party on individual issues, such as the fight to free Angelo Herndon, but have refused to join in a general United Front on all issues vitally concerning the working class.

Although strong sentiment exists in Socialist Party ranks for a Farmer-Labor Party, nationally and locally, the Militants, headed by Norman Thomas, oppose such a Party at the present time. The Old Guard is absolutely opposed to United Fronts with the Communist Party on any issue, no matter what or how serious the issue to the working class.

2 State Federations
Will Back Plan for
Industrial Unionism

FLORENCE, Ala.—Running on an industrial union ticket, William Mitch, district president of the United Mine Workers, was elected president of the Alabama State Federation of Labor at the federation's convention here. The convention passed an industrial union resolution which appealed to the international unions to help place a 5 per cent per capita tax members for the raising of a fund to "assist and stabilize" the great mass of new local unions and to completely organize the unorganized.

UNIONTOWN, Pa.—The Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, which met here, pledged support to the Committee for Industrial Organization and its program for organizing the steel industry. The federation urged that an industrial charter be granted the United Electrical and Radio Workers' Union, recently formed by independent and A. F. of L. federal unions.

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